



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: Zoom (The virtual space!)

Date: Wednesday, September 23rd 2020

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

I. Action Items

- A. After Oct. 7th, the medical student senate will meet on Tuesday evenings.

II. Violets

- A. Payton H. for engaging the senate in a crucial conversation on the pressures of clerkship year and its impact on trainee behavior and wellness.

Observation of Attendance and Quorum

- A. Attendance logged digitally [here](#).

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (08/26/2020)

- B. Minutes found digitally [here](#).
- C. Move to approve minutes
 - Dekoia motions
 - Girja seconds

Agenda Items:

III. Student Affairs Update (30 min)

- A. Please complete the [Student Wellness Survey](#) by **5pm on Wednesday, September 30th**. Your responses are anonymous.
- B. Students without proof of vaccine by Dec 1 will not be allowed in the clinical or hospital environment.

IV. Culture of Wellness (20 min)

- A. On-call MS4s for clerkship-specific academic coaching: contact info [here](#)
- B. Class of 2022 internal survey about the honors/pass/fail clerkship experience (Payton and Madison)
 - 1. 78% response rate
 - 2. Topics discussed:
 - a) # of clerkships in which students attempt/declare their pursuit of honors
 - b) # of clerkships in which students achieve honors
 - c) Student beliefs and behaviors in pursuit of honors
 - d) Impact of honors criteria on motivation to succeed academically and clinically
 - e) Impact on clinical responsibilities
 - f) Duty hour violations
 - g) Impact on student priorities
 - h) Grading scheme preference
 - 3. Next Steps
 - a) Present survey data to UMEC
 - b) Collect more data from classes of 2020,2021

- c) Evaluate/compare to available data from other schools
- d) Incorporate previous research
- 4. Senate feedback
 - a) Could this data be shared with MS2s?
 - (1) MS2 senators to help distribute
 - b) Suggest pairing of data for further analysis
 - c) Would reworking the honors criteria (as opposed to getting rid of the entire system)?
 - d) UMEC updates: looking to form working group to further evaluate
 - (1) Would like representation from
 - (a) Introverted students
 - (b) underrepresented minorities
 - (c) non-traditional students such as previous career, parents
 - (d) program directors
 - (e) Students who honored many, none, and those who consistently met either academic or clinical honors but not both
 - (2) Jan/Feb 2021: goal for recommendations made by the UMEC working group

V. Communication (10 min)

- A. NBME exam interruptions (Natalie)
 - 1. Discussed at UMEC today, students reassured will not happen again
 - 2. Communications TF to follow up on how students can reserve rooms for NBME testing
- B. Communications Platform Student Perspectives (Comm TF)
 - 1. Asking for specific communication goals from student affairs
 - 2. No new additional feedback from students

VI. Student Representation (5 min)

- A. Next MS1 student senate happy hour will be an outdoors event held Oct. 3rd at 6pm, details to come
- B. MS1 senate elections will begin September 25th and end on September 28th
 - 1. New MS1 senators will need to be present at the October 6th meeting
- C. UMEC Applications are open October 2nd - October 5th

VII. Academic/Professional/Personal Development (10 min)

- A. First round of virtual specialty fair experienced some technical difficulties but was well attended
 - 1. Tune in for part 2 of this event on Monday, 9/28 6-7pm
 - 2. Students from all classes are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- B. [Day off Proposal](#) (Catherine, Evelyn, & Sam)
 - 1. Presented to UMEC today
 - 2. MedEd requesting more data so that it we can ensure the day off will help alleviate some of the mental health stressors
 - 3. Perhaps doing a focus group will also help generate some more feedback regarding what the gaps are
- C. Central document for troubleshooting EHRs
 - 1. Is there anything that exists currently?
 - 2. Will: we should develop this!
 - a) Lana and Alex to assist

VIII. Student Body Feedback (5 min)

- A. Milestone 0 feedback
 - 1. MS2s: it would be nice to have a dedicated *students only* Q&A session with upper class colleagues during milestone 0

2. Senate to forward this idea to UMEC during the milestone 0 review
- B. Increased hours in the MS3 Primary Care schedule compared to previous years
1. Hour requirements are on par with typical ambulatory/family medicine clerkship at other schools
 2. We encourage MS3 students to work with their preceptor on an individual basis for scheduling
 3. MS4 senators: having PC weekly could have made transition to fourth year rotations easier