



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: Zoom (The virtual space!)

Date: Wednesday, October 7th 2020

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

I. Action Items

- A. Moving forward, meetings will be held bi-weekly on Tuesday evenings
- B. UMEC elections
- C. MS1 senators to create student resources board in lounges
- D. Reiteration of COVID-19 student safety guidelines with help of student affairs

II. Violets

- A. Violets to our new MS1 senators! Loved hearing your ideas tonight.
- B. Violets to the social events task force working on holiday programming =)
- C. Violets to Will for his academic coaching
- D. Violets to the MS3 anatomy lab helpers

Observation of Attendance and Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (09/23/2020)

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

Agenda Items:

III. Student Affairs Update (30 min-Steve/Tamara)

- A. Students without proof of influenza vaccine by Dec 1 will not be allowed in the clinical or hospital environment
- B. DMS Jackets/Vests
 - 1. Sunday (10/11) is the last day to [order!](#) Need a few weeks for turnaround.
 - 2. Last year some items did not find their way to the owner. Can they get a refund?
 - a) It's been too long, unfortunately. Per the vendor, refunds of this nature are issued within weeks of noticing the mistake.

b) To prevent this from happening again, this year students place their own order using the electronic form. Any discrepancies should be addressed by contacting the vendor directly.

C. Room reservation protocol (for individual)

1. Same protocol for groups also applies to individual room use, submit your request [here](#). Typical turnaround time is ~ 24 hours! If something is needed more urgently, forgo the form and email Tamara directly.
2. Student affairs to send out reminders to MS4s on how to utilize the room reservation system for interview season.
3. If there are no rooms available in HLB, Tamara will help source another location in HTB or HDB.
4. Senate: Is there a way to see which rooms are already reserved? We don't want to pop in on someone's interview or exam accidentally!
 - a) You can access the rooms calendar using your outlook account
 - (1) Haven't made your outlook account yet? Follow the instructions at this [link](#).
 - (2) Class of 2021-2023: email titled "REQUIRED: Claim Your Outlook Account" sent previously on 01/06/20
 - (3) How can students use the form for making recurring reservations?
 - (a) Tamara to look into adjusting the request form to reflect standing reservations for activities such as studying. For now, submit the dates you hope to reserve as a range in the Event Time section

IV. Student Representation (5 min)

A. Welcome new MS1 senators! Thanks for joining task forces right away!

Elections	Senate of College Councils	Constitution & Bylaws	Communication	Dell Med Coffee Break (paused)	Dell Med Know It	Social Events
Scott	Danny	Olivia	Danny	Scott	Muna	Edy
	Gilmar			Danny	Olivia	Gilmar
					Scott	

B. UMEC Applications [here](#)! **Closes October 9 at 11:59pm.**

1. While the majority of [positions/terms](#) are open for MS1s & MS3s, MS2s may be elected to a 1 year term on Healthcare Delivery.
2. Our apologies for the date discrepancy (original communicated timeline was Oct 2nd-5th)
3. Senate to anonymously vote representatives in

4. Any senate member applying for UMEC position disallowed from voting to a position in which they've applied
5. Discussion between student affairs and senate about whether elected representatives have to be cleared academically by student affairs, Tamara to clarify the policy with Steve

V. Culture of Wellness (15 min)

A. Clerkship grading working group (10 min-Kayli)

1. >20 students interested so far
2. **Need more MS1s. [Application](#) re-opened for MS1s until 10/9.**
3. Senate discussion:
 - a) Could MS1s have a potential conflict of interest (their class will be the first affected)? Could MS1s be better engaged as “reactors” to results rather than being involved in the design?
 - (1) MS1 perspective: we didn't realize this was for us! Also we just don't really know how clerkships work (i.e. credibility on the topic)
 - (a) opposition to being cut out of the design process.
We are able to understand the issues and the ethics of self-interest are relevant to all of us so not something that should disenfranchise us specifically
 - (b) Senate to better communicate the opportunity and how MS1s can be of help here! Will share an example clerkship grading rubric on slack. Please email kaylikallina@utexas.edu if you have any questions.

B. Social Events Task Force Update (5 min-Sam)

1. Trivia night: 10/8/20 @ 7pm
2. Pumpkin carving event request submitted - we have a safe and COVID-guideline abiding plan ;)
3. Other fun events coming up...stay tuned for more *holiday happenings*

VI. Communication (15 min)

A. Communications Task Force Update (Charlotte)

1. Members of the task force met w/ Steve and delineated that the primary request in revamping the communications platform is for **more accountability with student interest groups** (i.e. what events are actually happening?)
2. Best practice is to use the shared calendar! [Here's](#) how to schedule your student org events on the universal calendar.
3. Discussion:

- a) It's difficult to main the structure of student orgs due to the structure of our curriculum. What if we had a dedicated staff member supporting student orgs?
 - (1) Tamara does this! She has ideas for growth and would love to hear yours.
 - (2) Lots to discuss here, let's table and revisit at next meetings

VII. Academic/Professional/Personal Development (25 min)

A. Virtual Specialty Fair part 2 (09/28)

1. MS1 perspective: It was really cool. Switching rooms on Zoom is awkward.
2. Some rooms didn't get any visitors, sadly.
 - a) Would an RSVP and tallying system to track expected and actual attendance for different "rooms" help?
3. Utilization of resources for MS1s and MS2s (15 min-Megan & Muna; 5 min-Sam)
 - a) MS1s: tension between feeling lost vs overwhelmed w/ too many resources
 - b) Would more person-to-person "warm" handoffs from upperclassmen help? Say, before each new MS1 block?
 - c) Consider it: a student-run orientation, universal peer-coaching partnerships for all MS1s (an opt-out process)
 - d) Action Item:
 - (1) MS1 Senators: we want to create a message/info board in the lounges to help students navigate the plethora of resources. Will follow-up within the next 2 meetings.
4. Academic Coaching
 - a) In one student's experience: study group w/ classmates may be more effective for MS1 content because upperlevel students are so far removed. Would having group sessions allow for peer teaching with the academic coach role to oversee the process?
 - (a) Love this idea. We will keep one-on-ones available for students who prefer individual help
 - (2) On-call MS4s for clerkship-specific academic coaching: contact info [here](#)
 - b) Anatomy lab helpers are "a game changer." We love having them!

VIII. Student Body Feedback (10 min)

- A. Masking and social distancing in the hospital is not consistent across clerkships, teams, etc. Students may feel pressured to be less vigilant about safety measures due to risk of being removed from team dynamic.

1. Ask: Reiterate safety guidelines
2. Feedback forwarded to Steve. Will follow-up as appropriate with next steps.