



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: Zoom (The virtual space!)

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

I. Action Items

- A. Constitution TF to propose changes to UMEC election process
- B. Ciaura to forward final UMEC roster to Darlene Bosking by 11/06/20

II. Violets

- A. IT stars Mary & Kamran for setting up LGI streaming
- B. Dr. Ibarra for her commitment to MS1 success during COVID
- C. Taylor Hutton for her support during residency interview season, especially with room reservations
- D. MS4s out there shining in their interviews
- E. Scott and Danny for addressing presenteeism
- F. Shoshana and Olivia for bringing HLB access issues to our attention and following through with student affairs and facilities departments

Observation of Attendance and Quorum

- A. Attendance logged digitally [here](#).
- B. Senate attendance [policy](#)
 - Please send **an email** to Kayli & Ciaura regarding potential absences/tardies. It helps to keep track of these on one platform.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (10/20/2020)

- C. Minutes found digitally [here](#).
- D. Move to approve minutes
 - Seconded & approved by majority vote

Agenda Items:

III. Student Affairs Update (30 min-Steve)

- A. COVID-19 testing
 - 1. Can clinical students have a reserved time Wednesday afternoon 11/25 for surveillance testing prior to Thanksgiving holiday?
 - a) Steve Smith will reach out to clerkship directors to request protected time so students can seek testing

b) We also encourage students to reach out to their clerkship directors directly to make this ask, as the holidays are quickly approaching

B. Following student org activities

1. Steve will be checking in next week on the documentation of student org budgets & activities
2. Communications TF working on streamlining our calendaring process

C. Budget

1. Success in getting student spending approved so far, however process of reimbursement cumbersome. Student affairs is working on improvements there.

D. Communication

1. MS1 town hall attendance is now required, scheduled monthly on Mondays
2. SA looking at bringing their newsletter back, this time with regular contributions from MedEd on curricular updates. Until this comes online, Steve will be sending weekly email updates

E. Student Wellbeing

1. As a whole, we're not where SA would like us to be. Specific areas of concern are students' emotional and physical exhaustion.
2. SA has reached out to medicosocial work department to crowdsource ideas in response, but they are also overwhelmed addressing similar issues within their departments. Also meeting w/ CARES counselor Gretchen Rees next week.

F. Career Counseling

1. Getting MS1s introduction to CiM tools on the books.
2. With regards to MS4s in their residency application process, Steve is in conversation with many other SA deans and program directors to help navigate the uncharted waters of applying during a pandemic.

G. SA staffing

1. We will have a temporary replacement for Jenny during her maternity leave

H. Kindness Award

1. Accepting nominations soon! Look for email inviting you to submit.
2. There WILL be white coat/lanyard pins awarded to recipients

I. Room reservations

1. Receiving lots of requests for MS4s needing interview space
2. Preferentially putting them in rooms near the library
3. No further issues reported by senate, in fact we are super grateful for the rapid turn around time for room accommodations (as little as 48 hrs in once instance).

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

A. Academic Coaching update

1. Student Affairs to continue to manage
 - a) Senate TF will not be created at this time
 - b) Still need to consider how to transition peer coaching program
2. Email sign-up for FOD and MOD tutors will be sent out soon

V. Student Representation (10 min)

- A. UMEC vacancies
 1. Dr. Nelson and Darlene have come up with a plan to address vacancies this year
 2. General UMEC has no vacancies
 3. Every class is represented across remaining committees
- B. Future UMEC elections
 1. Constitution TF to discuss and propose changes to UMEC election process for senate consideration
- C. Constitution & Bylaws Updates
 1. Non-Senate Attendance and Participation Protocol
 - a) Current bylaw states to “see protocol”
 - (1) Updates to protocol simply added as an addendum (no vote required)
 - b) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TJgNkNN1mZVMaLG153cWu8hkHJEGlpUKylvnBJIN9mE/edit>
 - c) Any student is welcome to observe the meeting or present a topic. Please reach out to ciaurabrown@utexas.edu or kaylikallina@utexas.edu to obtain a Zoom link or ask further questions.

VI. Culture of Wellness

- A. November Giving Thanks Event (Megan-5 min)
 1. Social events TF coordinating a thankfulness experience
 - a) Look for prompts throughout the med school along with sticky notes for responses
 - b) Working on getting Dell Med stationary/pens available for writing thank you notes as well
 - c) Timing difficult due to busy schedules, especially for MS1s this month, so we’ll leave the materials out for students to drop by
 - d) Will send an email w/ details next week

VII. Communication

- A. Communications TF to provide updates at 11/17 meeting
- B. Student orgs: Until we get the outlook calendar up and running, remember to add your events to the universal google calendar by sending an event invite to dellms2020@gmail.com This will populate the [#all-dms-events](#) channel on slack. More detailed instructions on how to view and access this calendar here: <http://tiny.cc/2bzysz>

VIII. Student Body Feedback (5 minutes)

A. Virtual LGI option

1. Now available! MS1s grateful for having this option to help combat presenteeism

IX. Task Force Break-out Session (35 minutes)

A. Transition timeline

1. 11/01-11/30/20-MS3s work with MS4s to get familiar with TF chair responsibilities, logistics, current barriers, upcoming projects, etc
2. 12/01/20- MS3 title change; expecting MS3s to be mostly aware of TF events and able to provide updates
 - a) MS4 still available to assist
3. 01/2020- MS3 running fully unassisted
4. Ciaura/Kayli to document the transition process and pass on to next senate presidents

B. TF meets to discuss to-do's