



The University of Texas at Austin
Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: Zoom
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020
Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

I. Action Items

- A. Steve to curate list of faculty members' program connections to aid MS4s in their residency match journey
- B. Elections TF creating a How To doc for making ballots in qualtrics
- C. Social Events TF designing a Secret Snowflake gift exchange. Email to come after Thanksgiving

II. Violets

- A. UT Health Austin and UHS for bringing proactive community testing to HTB
- B. Nina Lemieux for utilizing PCT and championing it for peers
- C. Alyssa Ellerbrock and Dolly Nam for sharing delicious gratitude cookies
- D. Steve Smith for encouraging a culture of kindness at Dell Med

Observation of Attendance and Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- B. Minutes found digitally [here on the DMKI site](#).
- C. Move to approve minutes
 - Motioned and seconded
 - Approved by unanimous vote

Agenda Items:

III. Open time w/ Student Affairs(15 minutes)

- A. How is student affairs planning to support MS4s throughout the match process?
 1. Patterns are not holding up this year. Some reasons for this include programs contacting students to fill their interview slots ahead of the recommended dates. This was unexpected.
 2. It appears that students from Texas medical schools are being offered plenty of interviews in Texas but are not as successful out of state
 3. Steve recommends MS4s be more aggressive than is typical with those love letters. He encourages you to ask for faculty to reach out on your behalf.

4. Realistically, most students are safe with **16 interviews** and you can consider declining invitations that exceed this (unless you are a student w/ special circumstances)
- B. Can DMS provide a list of faculty connections In terms of where they have trained or worked prior to Dell Med? Maybe this could help us reach out to our existing network in a targeted manner.
 1. Steve will send a faculty survey out tomorrow to get this going.
- C. Updates on COVID-19 Proactive Community Testing @ HTB
 1. See email from Steve on 11/6 titled "11/06/2020 update for students"
 2. Students already using it and happy w/ the convenience and quick result
 3. UHS has not yet determined post-Thanksgiving testing availability at HTB. Steve will advocate for this testing site to remain available.
 4. Big thanks to UT Health Austin for the staffing support in these efforts!
- D. UT campus has officially requested **no in-person student org events** for the remainder of the calendar year

IV. Task Force Break-out Sessions (65 minutes)

- A. Breakout 1 (30 min)
 1. DMKI
 2. Communications
 3. Social Events
- B. Transition to 2nd breakout session (5 min)
- C. Breakout 2 (30 min)
 1. Elections
 2. Constitution & Bylaws
 3. SoCC

V. Student Body Feedback

- A. Edy/Evelyn (10 min)
 1. S/F curriculum opportunity. Several solutions proposed by fellow students. Discussion on the best avenue for this feedback is ongoing. Specific action items to follow at next meetings.