



The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

Student Senate Agenda

Location: Zoom (The virtual space!)

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

I. Action Items

- A. DMKI working on a document that explains how feedback is kept anonymous
- B. Kayli to forward student questions about COVID vaccinations to Steve

II. Violets

- A. To the MS2s for crushing it and thinking about the community of healthcare workers during a tough time! As well as feeling open to speaking their minds
- B. Violets to all y'all 3's/4's who are constantly checking in on MS2s your kind words are so appreciated
- C. Violets to the returning senators for putting up with us newbies and helping guide us through what being a senator is all about!
- D. Violets to Madison for being an AWESOME Social Events TF chair and for organizing the mug exchange!
- E. Violets to Kayli and Ciaura for doing a great job for the Fall semester!
- F. Violets to the MS1s for being 1/8th done with the journey to the MD

Observation of Attendance and Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (12/01/20)

- B. Minutes found digitally [here on the DMKI site](#).
- C. Move to approve minutes
 - Seconded by Megan
 - Approved by majority

Agenda Items:

III. Senate Business (15 min - Megan/Will)

- A. Task Force Handbooks
 - 1. Will and Megan presented on the difference between bylaws and handbooks in order to improve transitions and senate happenings
 - 2. Discussion on best practices for senate transitions
 - 3. Next steps
 - a) Let's make it more formal with the updates in the next semester

- b) Kayli and Ciaura to discuss and revisit when senate resumes on Jan 19 per UT-wide academic calendar

IV. Culture of Wellness

- A. Social Events TF (10 min - Madison)
 - 1. Secret snowflake!
 - a) Thank you for participating!
 - b) Sam will update you when your gift arrives
 - c) Please put last names on your gifts
 - 2. Meeting for Fungal Ball planning is on the schedule

V. Student Representation

- A. Elections and constitution task forces planning for next election cycle. Stay tuned for updates.
- B. Admissions Updates
 - 1. Admitted MS1s being added to Facebook group this year and Senate's contact info will be on there
 - 2. Do the MS1s have the resources they need to be successful in this?
 - a) Debating whether we need senate representatives from multiple classes in the Facebook group for variety of perspectives
 - b) Muna recruiting non MS1 senate members to fulfill this role
- C. The vaccine is here!
 - 1. Is it okay for MS2s and other students to get vaccines even if they won't be in the hospital after this week for a little while? Is it ethical for students who are not clinical facing to receive the vaccine if it means that there are other health care workers who "need it more" than us might not get their dose?
 - 2. Forwarded these questions to Steve - see 12/6 email titled "Students getting the COVID-19 vaccine" for counsel

VI. Academic/Professional/Personal Development

- A. Reminder to [sign up](#) to be an FOD or MOD academic coach
- B. Future PPE updates will come from the school, no planned donning/doffing trainings at the moment

VII. Communication

- A. Student orgs: 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 (15 minutes)

- A. None submitted