



# The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

## Student Senate Agenda

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Location: Zoom (The virtual space!)

Date: Wednesday, March 24th, 2021

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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### I. Action Items

- A. Elections TF to send out UMEC applications
- B. Dekoiya to follow up with IT regarding universal calendar function on Teams
- C. Megan to reach out to Dr. Howard about peer coaching program collaboration
- D. Ciaura to review Constitution to see if changes (and class-wide vote) is needed, will also make edits to UMEC Student Body Vote bylaw
- E. Ciaura to complete Teams survey for org leaders, Kayli to send
- F. Catherine to complete FAQ document for Teams for Kayli and Ciaura to make edits, send to Steve
- G. Maliha and Will to recruit 4th years for next Fireside chat

### II. Violets

- A. MS4s for matching into residency!
- B. Brave souls who have posted something... anything on Microsoft Teams lol

### Observation of Attendance and Quorum

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

**Holding Space:** If you or anyone you know would like a listening ear regarding the recent events in Atlanta or Boulder, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kayli or Ciaura. We want to be mindful of feelings that this event may have brought up for everyone, especially our classmates from the Asian community.

### Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/03/21)

- B. Minutes found digitally [here on the DMKI site](#).
  - Motion to approve Sam
  - Seconded by Catherine
  - Approved by majority vote

### Agenda Items:

#### III. Ongoing Business (10 min)

- A. [Meeting minutes bylaw proposal](#)
  - 1. Approved by majority vote
- B. **Fungal Ball:** Maskerade held at Doc's Drive-In theater

1. Reach out to Madison ([madisonhansen@utexas.edu](mailto:madisonhansen@utexas.edu)) with questions
2. **RSVP (drivers only) form opens 03/26 at 12p. 25 cars per class!!!**

**C. Recognizing MS4s on their way to residency**

1. [Write a message to our graduating class](#) of gratitude, recognition or praise for one of the members of the Class of 2021! They will be delivered around graduation.
2. More ideas on recognizing an MS4?--> Let one of your Senators know!

**IV. Updates from Dr. Nelson**

**A. Peer Mentoring Program**

1. Dr. Tera Howard is developing a mentorship program for medical students and residents. Interested in collaborating with the Dell Med Peer Coaching Program
2. Megan will follow up, assess opportunity to join program, report back at next meeting

**B. MS1 opt-in face to face**

1. DOCS is already operating in person!
2. MOD will be the launch point for *opt-in* face to face instruction
3. MS1s: expect a survey asking for your attendance preference so the course leadership can prepare for this transition

**C. Seeing COVID-positive patients**

1. Ascension Seton is ok w/ medical students seeing COVID-positive patients, but will not be providing the donning/doffing training to students
2. Barriers to getting us all trained in donning/doffing
  - a) Are students interested in learning more and/or leading training about this? Email Senate and/or [beth.nelson@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:beth.nelson@austin.utexas.edu)

**V. Academic/Professional/Personal Development (30 min)**

**A. Epic EMR Community Care Clinics (CUC)**

1. CUC will switch to Epic across sites on **03/21/21**
2. From Dr. Norwood (Primary Care Clerkship Director): Students should expect to receive login credentials prior to the rollout date; there was an IT issue causing a delay in getting this info sent out to students. There unfortunately is not a budget allocated for (class-wide) training on this EMR, but this system is much easier to navigate than previously used NextGen.
3. Please contact your specific clerkship director for further information

**B. MS3 CPX Exam (Maliha and Dr. Wilkerson-20 min)**

1. MK: I have received feedback from my peers about the timing of CPX. April is a busy month with primary care clinic days, family medicine shelf, end of 3rd year program requirements, aquifer deadlines, and the ACLS modules. Can the date of this be adjusted?
  - a) LW: We want to ensure time for DOCS mentors to provide rich feedback in preparation for 4th year rotations. The exam lasts half

a day with time slots spread over 2 weeks to allow flexibility for student scheduling

- b) Senate: To facilitate scheduling may MS3s be excused from primary care on the week of their CPX without having to make up the hours? We are already completing twice the number of primary care hours compared to previous classes.

(1) LW: This is a reasonable request. I will ask.

2. Senate: Could the CPX be added to the DOCS calendar on Canvas? Students may have missed this when checking the longitudinal courses for important dates.
- a) LW: Yes. We can do that. We wish we had sent out the announcement much earlier in the year so that students were not caught by surprise
3. MK: Another question submitted by a classmate - With the removal of Step 2 CS as a medical licensing requirement why do students still need to complete the CPX exam?
- a) LW: Although no longer a licensing requirement this will remain a graduation requirement. It is especially critical for helping MS3s regain their clinical skills prior to starting their 4th year.
4. Senate: CPX Canvas page is live but the study resources are not yet available there
- a) LW: Thanks for letting us know. Checking on that.
5. Senate: How has the CPX evolved over the years based on student feedback?
- a) LW: We have adjusted it to better reflect professional activities that residency programs desire their incoming interns have competency in

### **C. VR ILD Learning Experience (Dr. Wilkerson- 10 min)**

1. The school has a subscription to virtual reality simulations. MS3s can use the equipment in person to help prep for their AIs. This is an opt-in experience that will occur in eight faculty-led 2-hour sessions in May. Dr. Pandian and Dr. Jayansundera will be the instructors and 3 students can sign up per session.
2. MS3s needing “volunteer/teaching hours” for their 3rd year leadership course can sign up as a teaching assistant for these sessions.
3. **Look for a sign up to come 03/26!**

## **VI. Student Representation (10 min - Ciaura)**

### **A. UMEC Student Body Vote bylaw introduction, discussion**

1. Inspired by student body feedback inquiring why only DMS Senate is allowed to vote on members of UMEC. Push to make the UMEC elections more *directly* representative of the entire student body (vs indirectly through DMS Senate)

- a) Includes additional requirement that Elections TF reach out to current UMEC members prior to the start of the 2nd yr of the 2 yr term to see if they want to remain in the position
      - (1) Doesn't apply to Healthcare Delivery subcommittee (1 yr term)
  - 2. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bxRc5Tp1LwVGMsvbTmN3ps9XUMy9Fq9iPCBmeWRMF-U/edit?usp=sharing>
    - a) Suggestions? → Email [ciaurabrown@utexas.edu](mailto:ciaurabrown@utexas.edu)
  - 3. **Discussion**
    - a) Can students vote for themselves under this proposal? → Yes.
    - b) What happens if a student runs unopposed?
      - (1) Winners are by majority vote, so as long as that student gets at least one vote they will be offered the position
    - c) Other suggested edits from Senate and Dr. Nelson to wording offered for clarity
      - (1) Ciaura to make those changes before next meeting
  - 4. **Vote at next senate meeting (04/07/21) - quorum required**
    - a) This might require a student body vote to approve. We will check the constitution and proceed accordingly
      - (1) Constitution amendments require at least 10% of the Student Body (~20).
      - (2) Proposed amendment must be brought to the attention of the MSS via written or electronic communication and must include the text of the original article, the text of the proposed amendment, and the concrete reason the amendment is necessary.
        - (a) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QU0rZ6vL9N3foytWozYHhH0Nuo0r22Jcfswr07ie6c/edit?usp=sharing>
        - (b) **Please scroll to the bottom to indicate your support for the amendment**
        - (c) Suggestions? → Email [ciaurabrown@utexas.edu](mailto:ciaurabrown@utexas.edu)
      - (3) The MSS may ratify the amendment by a two-thirds vote of the entire MSS (**15 for us**). If they don't ratify it, MSS must refer the proposed amendment for Student Body vote.
    - b) Should we require senate members to vote?
      - (1) Could help ensure enough participation, but we want votes across all DMS students to be equal. There will be no requirements to vote, but it will be highly encouraged!
- B. Surgery Clerkship Reactor Group**
- 1. Recruited 12 students representing MS2, MS3, and MS4 class. Thanks to all those who signed up.

## VII. Communication

## A. Move to Microsoft Teams

1. Slack workspace channels for all Interest Groups will be deleted on **04/07/21**. Other channels will remain untouched for now.
2. Microsoft Teams Survey → <https://forms.gle/GYrQkEb6TBDzbZqK8>
3. Transition Timeline
  - a) Phase 1= Specialty Interest Groups (03/01-03/14)
  - b) Phase 2= Other Interest Groups (03/22-04/04)**
  - c) Phase 2.5= Any stragglers lol (04/05-04/09)
  - d) Phase 3= Class of 2025 onboarding (June 2021)
4. Questions/Feedback for the Comms task force and Student Affairs
  - a) Can the orgs get an action item list of the requirements?**
    - (1) Catherine (TF Chair) finishing up FAQ doc, will submit to Student Affairs for approval, then will be available to all
  - b) Can we get some sort of onboarding session to be walked through how to do things, like an orientation?**
    - (1) Natalie: I haven't found that my classmates really need an orientation yet. We really just need the doc! Next intersession is on 04/26, can it be done then?
      - (a) Catherine: Let's hold off on an orientation for now, send the survey and FAQ doc, then
    - (2) Do we need to add faculty now or later?
      - (a) Add interested faculty and faculty advisors now, it will go to a pending review space, where Student Affairs will grant permissions (will be done in the next few weeks)
  - c) Will we have to switch platforms again next year?
    - (1) We don't believe so, but can't guarantee that. DMS will most likely continue to follow big UT's decision regarding communication platforms. Please remain flexible.
  - d) #Upperclassmen channel from Slack is in Teams and titled Upper Level Advice. Class of 2025 will be directed here to ask questions to current students.

## VIII. Task Force Breakout Sessions (30 minutes)

- A. Social Events
- B. Elections
- C. Communications
- D. DMKI

## IX. Student Body Feedback

- A. I just wanted to say thank you! Y'all's hard work this year hasn't gone unnoticed :)

## X. Next Meeting

- A. 04/07/21 (via Teams)
- B. [Student Senate Feedback Form](#)