



# The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

## Student Senate Agenda

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Location: HLB 5th floor boardroom or Zoom

Date: Wednesday, April 7th, 2021

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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### I. Action Items

- A. UMEC applications sent to appropriate classes, TF to make ballot
- B. Senate pending vote on school wide UMEC elections proposal
- C. Communications TF to update student body on Teams FAQ and User Tips
- D. Fireside chat on Away Rotations April 15th 6-7pm

### II. Violets

- A. UMEC reps for bringing student voices to the conversation about clerkship grading changes
- B. MS1s seeing their first real patients in the hospital through DOCS
- C. Student Org leaders for filling out the Teams survey
- D. Communications TF for all of the helpful Teams info!

### Observation of Attendance and Quorum

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

### Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/24/21)

- B. Minutes found digitally [here on the DMKI site](#).
  - Unable to officially approve the minutes due to lack of quorum

### Agenda Items:

#### III. Student Affairs Updates/MedEd Q&A (30 min, Beth Nelson & Steve)

- A. How can MedEd build trust and confidence with the student body?
  1. Sometimes feedback doesn't come directly to Student Affairs and Admin
  2. What can be done to improve the relationship?
  3. **Senate responses**
    - a) Some students feel that attempts to provide feedback were not received in the past, even when solutions were provided
    - b) Power dynamics may further complicate things
    - c) Upperclassmen have had the luxury of forming relationships across Dell Med prior to going virtual, but MS1s have not
    - d) Senate can definitely champion delivery of direct feedback, as opposed to utilizing the feedback form, but we would like to leave

the option open for students who may not feel comfortable, unsure where to direct a student concern, etc

- (1) For class-specific questions you may have, feel free to reach out to Steve or Dr. Nelson directly

#### 4. MedEd response

- a) Emailing directly with the issue can help the office better address it as opposed to routing student feedback through the anonymous Senate Feedback Form may delay interventions/changes that can be made
- b) Intentions are to better the trust and build the relationship with all the students, please don't hesitate to send an email with your thoughts

#### 5. Student Affairs response

- a) Please understand that more than one attempt may be needed to completely address an issue
  - (1) If the initial conversation doesn't go well for the student, feel free to speak up so that we can learn and make adjustments
- b) Student Affairs rep will be in the office starting 04/26 from 8a-5p to address any questions that students will have. Please drop by!

### IV. Communication (30 min- Catherine)

#### A. Microsoft Teams Survey Responses

- 1. 23 responses (just over 10% of student body)
  - a) Most responses from MS1 and MS3 class
  - b) ~50% report no issues with Teams transition
  - c) ~50% report opposition to deletion of Slack Interest Groups and Orgs channels
    - (1) Main ask is for more time to transition important files or complete planning of events
  - d) >75% report opposition to deletion of entire Slack workspace
    - (1) Privacy concerns
- 2. Steve's response
  - a) **Microsoft Teams transition is required for all DMS Registered Specialty Interest Groups and Orgs. There are no exceptions.**
    - (1) Event planning must be performed on Teams
    - (2) Orgs must be transitioned to request funding
    - (3) Private channels are now allowed for org leadership in order to better collaborate within 1 platform. Be advised that Teams is linked to the school eid**
    - (4) Willing to extend deadline to 04/21
      - (a) Catherine: please use this extra time to transition all the important files to Teams or any other shared platform you like

- (5) Since MS4s are on their way to graduation, they may not make the transition. **As long as an MS4 is NOT in org leadership, the transition is not required.**
- b) Slack workspace deletion
  - (1) Although the survey responses don't include a large % of the student body, it may be best to delay the deletion of the workspace for now and focus on the required transition
  - (2) Catherine: New students may be too overwhelmed with multiple platforms for communication. They will be oriented on Teams but not Slack. We should probably revisit this in the future
    - (a) "Slack interest" may actually decrease as the Teams transition becomes more successful
- 3. MBA Hub Demo
  - a) See Team Tips Channel in Teams for many helpful posts, videos
    - (1) Instructions on how to turn off notifications for channels
- 4. New 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= All DMS Specialty IGs and Orgs (by 04/21)**
  - d) Phase 3= Class of 2025 onboarding (June 2021)
- 5. If you are having trouble with Teams, please email [cdawson@utexas.edu](mailto:cdawson@utexas.edu)

## V. Student Representation

- A. Vote on UMEC elections bylaw proposal
  - 1. [Constitution Amendment](#) must be approved first
    - a) We have enough signatures on the petition (thanks to all who signed!)
    - b) 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.
  - 2. Academic Governance Bylaw Discussion
    - a) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bxRc5Tp1LwVGMsvbTmN3ps9XUMy9Fq9iPCBmeWRMF-U/edit?usp=sharing>
    - b) There is an existing Academic Governance protocol, we need to just make changes to this as opposed to voting on the new UMEC Voting Bylaw. We will now vote on changes to the Academic Governance Bylaw at the next meeting (after the vote on the Constitution Amendment is completed)
  - 3. Quorum was not reached for a vote this meeting so the UMEC ballots will be delayed. Our apologies for the delay!**

## VI. Culture of Wellness

- A. [Fungal Ball: Maskerade held at Doc's Drive-In theater](#)

- B. Recognizing MS4s on their way to residency
  - 1. [Write a message to our graduating class](#) by 4/26 to show 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!

**VII. Academic/Professional/Personal Development**

- A. Upcoming Fireside Chat: VSAS applications - planning for Away Rotations
  - 1. 4/15 6-7PM on Zoom: Meeting ID 920 5879 2199
- B. Future of Peer Coaching program
  - 1. Megan and Charlotte are looking to transition the student leadership, please let us know if you are interested!

**VIII. Student Body Feedback**

- A. Forwarded to Steve Smith and Beth Nelson. Topics included publication funding, upcoming MS1 Town Hall

**IX. Next Meeting**

- A. 04/21/21 (in-person/virtual hybrid)
- B. [Student Senate Feedback Form](#)