

SCOMSA Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20th, 2013

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Executive Board Members of SCOMSA

Chair: Stephanie Feldman

Vice-Chair: Michelle Min

Treasurer: Monica Lee

Social Chair: Terry Hsieh

Secretary: Mita Shah

Members Present:

Alejandra Balen, Rani Chudasama, Jake Kneeman, Sara Liu, Charles Mackin, Rachel Morgan, James Schmakel, Mita Shah, Tony Christiano, Nina Farivari, Amanda Fobare, Monica Lee, Michelle Min, Tyler Robinson, Courtney Elm, Stephanie Feldman, Kristen Hysell, Adil Yunis, Bill Hammond, Yoonjoo Lee, Terry Hsieh

Members Absent: Mounica Donepudi, Louis Yu, Brandi Castro, Diane Haddad, Hari Mylvaganam, Katrina Weed, Vinay Aggarwal, Amrita Devalapalli, Jenny Grillo, Roxane Handal, Victoria Klyce, Sam Moradian, Neil Nadkarni, Ron Vasquez, Aly Elezaby, Andrew Platt, Katie Spina, David Stepien

Organizational Funding Approved (Treasurer, Monica Lee):

Organization/Person	Date: Event	Specifics
PEDS	4/1: PEDS residency match panel	Lunch L201/203 11:30-12:30pm
BUSM Historical Society	4/2: BUSMHS Speaker Series: The History of Public Health	Lunch R115 12:30-1:30pm
GHEP	3/22: Reconciling Humanitarianism in Medical Training: Reflections from Lebanon	Lunch L110 12:30-1:30pm
Medicine and Business Association	4/1: Nontraditional Career Paths in Medicine with Dr. John McCarthy	Lunch R108 11:30-12:30pm
Medicine and Public Health Association	3/21: New Screening Tests for Down's Syndrome - Disability Prevention and the Public Health Approach	Dinner L112 5-6pm
Medical Students for Choice	3/27: MSCF Film Screening of "Motherhood by Choice, Not Chance"	Lunch L109 12-1pm
GHEP	4/22: Politicized Health: Addressing HIV/AIDS in Iran with Drs. Kamiar and Arash Alaei	Lunch TBD 12-1pm
BU IHI Open School Chapter	3/27: Quality Improvement Dinner Panel	Dinner L212/214 6-7:30pm
FMIG American Geriatrics Society	4/3: Breaking Bad News to Patients with Dr. Joanne Wilkinson	Lunch L209 11:30-12:30pm
GHEP	3/12: Global Health Spanish Immersion Program - Puerto Escondido, Mexico	lunch L201 12-1pm

Individual Funding Approved (Treasurer, Monica Lee):

Person	Date: Event	Presenting/Attending
Daniel Stein 2013	4/10-14: Combined Otolaryngology Section Meeting; Orlando FL	presenting
Ashish Premkumar 2013	4/12-13: 5th Biennial National Conference for Physician-Scholars in Social Sciences and Humanities; San Francisco, CA	presenting
Ujas Parikh 2015	4/12-16: Society of Interventional Radiology Annual Scientific Meeting; New Orleans, LA	presenting

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Megan O'Brien 2013	5/16-17: Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Conference; Atlanta, GA	presenting
Natalie Witek 2013	4/12-13: 5th Biennial National Conference for Physician-Scholars in Social Sciences and Humanities; San Francisco, CA	attending
Melinda Marshall 2013	5/5: ACOG Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA	attending
Courtney Elm 2014	4/3: 17th Annual New England Regional SAEM Meeting; Providence, RI	attending
Gabriela Vargas 2013	4/9: COMSEP/APPD Annual Meeting; Nashville, TN	attending
Jade Anderson 2016	3/21: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; Chicago, IL	attending

National Funding Approved (Treasurer, Monica Lee):

Organization	Date: Event	Attendants
MedGLO	4/5: 2013 LGBT Health Student Symposium; Los Angeles, CA	Natalia Alvarez 2016 Ivy Gardner 2016 Hsun-Ming Simon Lu 2016
SNMA	3/28: Annual Medical Education Conference; Louisville, KY	Jade A. Anderson 2016 Mwia Mutua 2014

Upcoming Events:

- **Pick Up Your BUSM Sweatshirts!** March 27th and 29th, 12-1:30PM, L202 (Additional time for 3rd and 4th years TBD)
- **Week of Volunteer Events** – April 1st-April 5th at Rosie's Place
- **Spring Barbecue:** Wednesday April 3rd, 11:30AM-1:30PM @ Talbot Green; please bring cash donations or canned food items for the Greater Boston Food Bank
- **Skit Night:** May 3rd @ Bakst and Hiebert; time TBD

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Welcome: Alejandra Balen and Sara Liu

- Permanent SCOMSA Class of 2016 members: Alejandra Balen, Rani Chudasama, Yoonjoo Lee (MD/PhD representative), Sara Liu, Charlie Mackin, Rachel Morgan, Jay Schmakel (Executive Committee representative), and Mita Shah. We welcome all of you!

PA Program Update

- Dr. Matt Russell (matthew.russell@bmc.org), one of the PA school organizers, spoke about the incoming program and how it will foster interdisciplinary training for BUSM medical students.
- **The role of a PA:** master's-level profession who is licensed to practice medicine, including writing prescriptions and doing procedures, under the supervision of a physician. The resurgence of PA programs across the country is in response to the predicted, future shortage of physicians.
- **Overview of BUSM Program:** 28-month program, with the first 4 months' curriculum reflecting that of 1st year medical students, the following 12 months covering pathophysiology, and the remaining time being dedicated to clinical exposure. Clinical sites will not interfere with those for 3rd and 4th year BUSM medical students. The maximum class entry-size aim is under 40 students.

Dean Angela Jackson (OSA) Addresses Questions

- The first lottery draw for student who want to stay in the MSR has already occurred, but there will be more lottery draws to come. Please note that you can select your roommate, but if you are chosen in the lottery, you must stay in your current room.
- Dean Jackson was made aware of the inconvenient end of lease timing for the MSR (July 15th) and will consider a solution for the following years.

New Student Group Request: Integrative Medicine – Approved

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- Mission statement includes helping educate BUSM students about cross-cultural health practices and non-traditional health practices, such as chiropractics, acupuncture, etc, as they intersect with Western medicine.

Social Chair Update: Formal [Social Chair: Terry Hsieh; Rani Chudasama, Mounica Donepudi, Mita Shah]

- Despite the weather and change of date, this event had a successful turnout! Students appreciated the venue, decorations, and delicious food.

Sweatshirt Update [Rani Chudasama, Yoonjoo Lee]

- Sweatshirts have arrived, and distribution will be Wednesday, March 27, 12-1:30PM and Friday, March 29, 1-2:30PM. An additional time for 3rd and 4th years will be available in the evening during the first week of April (time to be determined).

Skit Night Update [Yoonjoo Lee, Charlie Mackin, James Schmackel]

- The event will be held during the evening of May 3rd, with the skit night viewing in Bakst and dinner to follow in Hiebert.
- If you are interested in participating in skit night in any capacity, please email yjklee@bu.edu, cmackin1@bu.edu, or schmakj@bu.edu.

Spring BBO Update [Mounica Donepudi, Jake Kneeman, Rachel Morgan]

- April 3rd between 11:30AM – 1:30PM with a rain date for April 5th. Hot dogs and veggie/meat hamburgers will be served on Talbot Green.
- We are cosponsoring with the dental school, SPH, and GMS. Bring your BU IDs!
- Please remember those who are hungry! Bring cash or canned good donations.

Student Services Committee Update [Student Representative, Tony Christiano]

- Potential prayer room on-campus was discussed – please direct questions to Dr. Alexander Norbash.
- The committee is considering adding an additional water dispenser for the 1st floor.
- SPH is requesting that Chequers rid of their Styrofoam containers.

MEC/PCS/CCS/OCS Update

- MEC [Michelle Min, BUSM 2015 representative] – discussed the over and underrepresentation of certain courses in our curriculum. If you have thoughts, please contact your MEC representatives. You can find your MEC representatives here <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/mec/mec/mec-members/>.
- CCS [Rani Chudasama, BUSM 2016 representative] – considered adding a student's own wedding as a permissible time-off request for rotations

Library Update

- The Library Committee has heard student complaints regarding their windows and is discussing the potential of cleaning the library windows. Light-filtering shades will be added.
- Logistics for a microwave on the 12th floor are being investigated.
- If you have ideas for the library and library space please contact mablanch@bu.edu.

Addressing Issue of Inbox Spamming

- Issue regarding the number of e-mails students receive from student groups about events was discussed and ideas are being considered. Changes would be implemented for the following academic year.

Next SCOMSA Meeting: Wednesday, April 10th @ 6PM. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at scomsa@bu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

MEC Meeting Minutes:

If you are interested in reading the MEC minutes, please visit their website:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/mec/mec/> and follow the link for the minutes:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/mec/mecminutes/>. You must be on campus or connected through VPN to access.

Minutes Submitted by Mita Shah