

SCOMSA Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10th, 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, Sara Liu, Charles Mackin, Rachel Morgan, Jay Schmakel, Mita Shah, Tony Christiano, Nina Farivari, Amanda Fobare, Monica Lee, Michelle Min, Tyler Robinson, Louis Yu, Brandi Castro, Stephanie Feldman, Diane Haddad, Hari Mylvaganam, Katrina Weed, Vinay Aggarwal, Neil Nadkarni, Ron Vasquez, Terry Hsieh, Yoonjoo Lee, Andrew Platt

Members Absent: Kristen Hysell, Amrita Devalapalli, Jenny Grillo, Roxane Handal, Bill Hammond, Sam Moradian, Aly Elezaby, Katie Spina, David Stepien

Organizational Funding Approved (Treasurer Monica Lee):

Organization/Person	Date: Event	Specifics
Plastic Surgery Interest Group	4/22: Figure-Drawing & the Art of Observation	College of Fine Arts 6pm
EMIG	4/11: EMIG Residency Panel	Lunch L203 12-1pm
ACOG	4/24: ACOG Congratulatory Dinner for Matched 4th Years!	Dinner 6-9pm L109 A-C
DIG	4/11: Dermatology and Applying into a Competitive Residency	Lunch L210 11-12pm
Class 2016	5/6: Anatomy Body Donor Memorial Service	Service Heibert 5pm
MedGLO	4/24: "How to Survive a Plague" Screening and Discussion Panel	Dinner 6pm R103
Medicine and Public Health Association	4/25: 2nd Annual MPHA Symposium: Gun Violence and the Public Health Approach	Dinner 5pm L110
LMSA	5/10: Dietary Counseling and Latino Health	Lunch TBD 12-1pm
CMDA	5/1: Christian Cultural Awareness Social	Dinner 6pm L109A-C
MedGLO	4/30: LGBTQ 101	Lunch L203 11:30am
FMIG	4/23: Info Session/Discussion About American Academy of Family Physicians Conference	Lunch L203 11:30am

Individual Funding Approved (Treasurer Monica Lee):

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Ammarah Iqbal 2014	5/4-7: Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting 2013; Washington, DC	Presenting
Lauren Scott 2013	5/1-4: Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Annual Spring Conference; Baltimore, MD	Presenting
Thomas Tien 2016	6/21-25: American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions; Chicago, IL	Presenting
Kim Stein 2013	5/1-5: Annual Spring Conference STFM; Baltimore, MD	Presenting
Greg Bever 2013	5/5-9: Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Annual Meeting; Seattle, Washington	Presenting
Gabriela Vargas 2013	5/4-7: Pediatric Academic Society's Annual Conference; Washington DC	Attending

Stay tuned for reimbursement submission deadlines for 2012-2013 academic year

Upcoming Events

- **Skit Night** – 5PM, May 3rd @ Bakst. Live skits and prerecorded performances with dinner reception to follow [*Yoonjoo Lee, Charlie Mackin, Jay Schmakiel*]

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Dean Hughes Updates

- Student concerns about academic courses 1st and 2nd year were addressed. If you have comments or questions regarding the length or quality of courses, please feel free to e-mail Dean Hughes
- Pre-clinical curriculum changes are being discussed; exam weeks (groups of exams in the same week) will be incorporated into the fall semester during the first year
- Possible changes include a potential extra week for Step 1 preparation
- Virgin Island elective for 4th year will continue with free housing

Dean Jackson Updates

- Students living in Harrison Court will have move out by September 30th. Dean Jackson is actively working to help find alternative housing on the Charles River Campus.

Lounge Cleaning Policy Vote

- Groups are eligible to receive \$100 from SCOMSA if they sign up and clean the student lounge.
- **New policy** – instead of lining up to sign up for lounge cleaning spots, student groups will submit their names to a lottery system and groups will be selected at random for lounge cleaning spots for the semester. If a student group *misses* their lounge cleaning date, they will be ineligible to sign up for the spring of that year.

New Student Group Request

- Homeless Health Immersion Experience proposed as new student group. SCOMSA members felt this organization had a mission that is very similar to Outreach Van Project and voted not to recognize it as a new student organization. SCOMSA suggested HHIE members collaborate with OVP to achieve their goals.

Spring BBQ/Sweatshirts/Skit Night/Community Service Update

- **BBQ** – Big success despite the unseasonably chilly weather! Thank you to the Dental School students who came out to help. [*Mounica Donepudi, Jake Kneeman, Rachel Morgan*]

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- *BUSM Sweatshirts* – All purchased sweatshirts have been distributed. Thank you to Michael White and our project coordinators (Rani Chudasama and Yoonjoo Lee) for organizing the purchase and distribution.
- *Skit Night* – May 3rd, 5PM in Bakst with dinner reception to follow. Live skits will be incorporated this year. [*Yoonjoo Lee, Charlie Mackin, Jay Schmakel*]
- *Community Service Update* – Students enjoyed the Rosie's Place volunteering event and Rosie's Place had very positive feedback about BUSM student volunteers. We will aim to continue offering such rewarding volunteer experiences. [*Jay Schmakel, Mita Shah*]

Library Update

- Mary Blanchard, the Library Director, met with SCOMSA representatives regarding student suggestions regarding changes to the library. If you have questions or suggestion, feel free to e-mail SCOMSA@bu.edu.
- Discussions regarding renovations to the 11th floor included the possibility of creating a group study environment on the 11th floor with updated furniture in the café, group study areas with white boards (as seen in Mugar), and moving the circulation desk and library entrance to the 11th floor. The 11th floor may also be renovated to include rooms in which exams would be conducted.
- The work order for installing a microwave in the café on the 11th floor has already been placed.
- The library is looking into cleaning its windows and has already started to update the window shades.

MEC/PCS/CCS/ECS Update

- CCS [Clinical Curriculum Subcommittee]
 - Cultural competency issues discussed – whether there should be more incorporation into the first 2 years.

Student Services Update [Tony Christiano]

- Jay Schmakel elected as next year's Student Services Committee Representative.
- Potential collaboration with GMSSO and SCOMSA student groups to be discussed at upcoming meeting

Committee on Appeals

- Based on student nominations and SCOMSA vote, the two new faculty members of this committee will be **Dr. Charles Bliss** and **Dr. Winnie Suen**

Executive Boards Elections for 2013-2014

- Chair – Michelle Min
- Vice Chair – Rani Chudasama
- Social Chair – Rachel Morgan
- Treasurer – Sara Liu

Next SCOMSA Meeting: September 2013 (date TBA). 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 logged in through off-campus VPN to access them.

Minutes Submitted by Mita Shah