

# SCOMSA Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** September 4, 2013

**Location:** Dean's Conference Room

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm

## **Executive Board Members of SCOMSA:**

Chair: Michelle Min

Vice-Chair: Rani Chudasama

Treasurer: Sara Liu

Social Chair: Rachel Morgan

Secretary: Jaime Stull

**Members Present:** Katelyn Carey, Andrew Mittleman, Al Nadjarian, Sherry Prasad, Ryan Quinton, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri, Jaime Stull, Alejandra Balen, Rani Chudasama, Sara Liu, Charles Mackin, Rachel Morgan, Jay Schmakel, Mita Shah, Tony Christiano, Amanda Forbare, Monica Lee, Michelle Min, Courtney Elm, Stephanie Feldman, Katrina Weed, Terry Hsieh, Yoonjoo Lee, David Stepien

**Members Absent:** Nina Farivari, Tyler Robinson, Louis Yu, Brandi Castro, Diane Haddad, Kristen Hysell, Hari Mylvaganam, Adil Yunis, Aly Elezaby, Andrew Platt, Katie Spina

## **Organizational Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):**

- American Geriatric Society: Centenarian Study: lunch
- FMIG: What is Family Medicine: lunch
- APAMSA: Dr. Teresa Cheng Talk: lunch
- BUSM Historical Society: Historical Walking Tour: Historian Fee
- Christian Medical Dental Association: Embracing Homelessness: lunch

## **Individual Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):**

- Arun Rai: New England Section of American Urological Association – presenting
- Christopher Tonn: American Academy of Otolaryngology – presenting
- Jennifer Logue: ASTRO (American Society of Radiation Oncology) Annual Meeting – presenting
- Arvind Devanabanda: ASTRO Annual Meeting – presenting
- Rani Chudasama: ASTRO Annual Meeting – presenting
- Alexander Rand: ASTRO Annual Meeting – presenting
- Nichole Starr: American College of Surgeons Medical Student Program – attending
- Alec Peniche: American Society of Anesthesiologists' Annual Meeting – attending
- Ankit Modi: National Student Conference/Integrative Medicine – attending
- Jamie Sparling: American Society of Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting – attending

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Fall BBQ will be held in early October, Talbot Green (Katelyn Carey, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri)
- Semiformal will be held on a midnight cruise on Friday, November 8; boarding will be 10:30pm-11:30pm, sailing between 11:30pm-1:30am, \$15 tickets. (Social Chair Rachel Morgan; Al Nadjarian, Ryan Quinton)

## **Other Minutes:**

- Introduction to 2016 Representatives:
  - Welcome to our new SCOMS representatives! Katelyn Carey, Andrew Mittleman (Executive Committee Representative), Al Nadjarian, Sherry Prasad, Ryan Quinton (MD/PhD), Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri, Jaime Stull
- SCOMSA Secretary Election: Congratulations, Jaime Stull (M1)
- Chair Announcements: (Chair Michelle Min)

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- MEC/PCS/CCS/ECS elections: First years will be emailed to represent their class in these 4 committees that review and discuss curriculum. 2 members per committee will be elected by SCOMSA in the next meeting in October. 1 second year MEC representative will also be elected.
- MSR: the garden is open to all students as well as the new basketball court.
- Gym membership: currently \$90 annually, partially subsidized by the school (please see below regarding discussion in improving fitness at BUSM). Wellness Committee to be formed with at least one SCOMSA member per class year; members who expressed interest in providing feedback on improving fitness/wellness at BUSM:
  - Sherry Prasad, M1
  - Jay Schmakel, Mita Shah, M2s
  - Amanda Fobare, M3
  - Katrina Weed, M4
  - Rani Chudasama, Vice-Chair
  - Michelle Min, Chair
- As per the SCOMSA constitution, SCOMSA members were reminded that they must remain in good academic standing to act in SCOMSA. Members are asked to temporarily relieve themselves of SCOMSA duties until classes are remediated.
- Q&A with the Deans: Karen Antman (Dean of the Medical School), Douglas Hughes (Dean of Academic Affairs), and Angela Jackson (Dean of Student Affairs)
  - Virgin Islands electives: launched 4<sup>th</sup>-year electives which ran fantastically with high marks from students. However, the 3<sup>rd</sup>-year pediatric clerkship is now held due to low patient volume, training, and quality of faculty; M3s were not receiving the intended educational experiences.
  - Scrub credits: although the deans understand the demand of scrubs from students, students cannot receive more than one credit for scrubs due to the volume of scrubs necessary for the hospital. Recommended to use paper scrubs if scrubs are soiled, which are available in all ORs; students, please ask for them at the front desk if necessary.
  - Dean's letters: 4th year students are now being notified. Evaluations from clerkship directors should be evaluated by 3rd year students for errors or discrepancies that should be changed, well in advance of the time for writing dean's letters.
  - Gym funding ideas (brainstorming, received by deans, NOT yet approved):
    - A \$90 allotment for personal gym memberships could be granted to each student in replace of membership at South End Fitness: logistics would need to be reviewed
    - Students can apply for wellness committee funds if particularly financially limited
    - Opening the MSR gym to all students: building access would need to be changed, concerns for space restraints because the gym originally intended for MSR residents only
  - Leveraging Aetna Student insurance to provide gym subsidies as part of preventive care: Dean Antman said this may be a possibility with renewal of contracts
  - Dental health plans for students: for more information on an affordable plan through our dental school, please visit: <http://www.bu.edu/dental/patients/sdp/>
  - Student health fee: mandatory fee as part of tuition for Student Health Services, of which every student has access at the BU Undergraduate campus.
- Budget/Treasurer updates: (Treasurer Sara Liu)
  - The budget was reviewed and adjusted according to new demands
  - Lounge cleaning initiatives based on a lottery system instead of physical sign-ups was received successfully by students.
  - Updated reimbursement forms will shortly be added to the SCOMSA website.
- 2013-14 SCOMSA Events:
  - Fall BBQ: Kate Carey, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri
  - Apple Picking: Kate Carey
  - Fall Community Service Event: Olivia Rowse, Jaime Stull

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- Class Sweatshirts: Andy Mittelman, Ryan Quinton
- Semiformal: Al Nadjarian, Ryan Quinton
- Ski Trip (not SCOMSA-funded): Kate Carey, Sherry Prasad, Jaime Stull
- Formal: Andy Mittelman, Al Nadjarian, Lili Sadri,
- Spring BBQ: Andy Mittelman, Jaime Stull
- Spring Community Service Event: Sherry Prasad, Olivia Rowse
- Skit Night: Al Nadjarian, Ryan Quinton, Lili Sadri
- Social Chair Update: (Social Chair Rachel Morgan)
  - We had a successful orientation week! Dean Jackson would like feedback about how orientation went. SCOMSA will send out a survey to M1s within the next week.
  - Semiformal will be on a midnight cruise, tickets will be \$15. Will take place November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- New Student Group Request: Disability and Illness Interest Group
  - The group aims to increase cultural competency around disability/illness particularly in a medical setting. As the organization has already been active and has unique events and goals, SCOMSA voted to approve this new group request to be formally a SCOMSA-recognized organization.
- MEC/PCS/CCS/ECS Summer updates:
  - PCS: Next meeting is 9/5
  - CCS: Reminder to students of remaining professional. Next meeting is 9/10.
    - Suggested items to bring forward to CCS: built-in time for 3<sup>rd</sup> years to tend to errands/appointments, mirrored after Ob/Gyn schedule of half-days; review of Neuro shelf grading policy, which is now curved unlike the shelf exams for other curriculums
  - MEC: PA program starting May 2014, 28 month total, with PA students joining DRx in Fall 2014. Great care and planning has been done so that these students would be filling clinical rotations not taken by medical students. EPIC, an updated EMR, will be initiated next year. Overall first year courses were evaluated well by students with some concerns for Immunology. Second year courses were evaluated with a noted decline as Step 1 approached. Students should be aware of professionalism when giving critiques through E Value.
- Student Services Update (Student Representative Jay Schmakel)
  - After much lobbying, a recycling bin is now available in the lobby.
  - FedEx is providing a printing discount at \$0.03 per page.
  - Defibrillators are not available in the library or main lecture halls, which is being addressed
  - Members suggested hosting a BUSM blood drive; logistics and hosting with SPH to be pursued.
  - Styrofoam use at Chequers: School is helping Manny find cheaper options instead of Styrofoam
- Library Services Update (Charlie Mackin, Michelle Min, Jay Schmakel)
  - The library added water machines and a microwave, which can be found on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor
  - The 11<sup>th</sup> floor will be renovated with thoughts of possibly using it as a testing center that can be converted into study space.
- Executive Committee Update: (Jay Schmakel, M2 representative)
  - Alternative pathways for acceptance into BUSM were discussed

**Next SCOMSA Meeting:** If you have any questions, please email us at [scomsa@bu.edu](mailto:scomsa@bu.edu). We look forward to hearing from you.

Date: October 2, 2013

## **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 Jaime Stull