

SCOMSA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 2, 2013

Location: Dean's Conference Room

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

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, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri, Jaime Stull, Alejandra Balen, Rani Chudasama, Sara Liu, Charles Mackin, Rachel Morgan, Nina Farivari, Amanda Fobare, Monica Lee, Michelle Min, Tyler Robinson, Neil Nadkarni, Aly Elezaby, Stephanie Feldman, Kristen Hysell, Katrina Weed, Terry Hsieh, Yoonjoo Lee, Ryan Quinton, Jay Schmakel

Members Absent:

Mita Shah, Tony Christiano, Louis Yu, Brandi Castro, Courtney Elm, Diane Haddad, Hari Mylvaganam, Adil Yunis, Andrew Platt, Katie Spina, David Stepien

Organizational Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):

- IMIG: What is Internal Medicine: Lunch
- AMWA: Orgasm Inc. Screening and Panel Discussion: Dinner
- GHEP: Open Heart Documentary Screening: Dinner
- EMIG: Emergency Medicine Resident/Attending Panel: Lunch
- IMIG: What is Integrative Medicine?: Lunch
- American Geriatric Society: Nursing Home Care Complexities: Lunch
- FMIG: Affordable Care Act Talk: Lunch
- CMDA: Embracing Homelessness, Part 3: Lunch
- CMDA: Embracing Homelessness, Part 4: Lunch
- PEDS: A Window into Pediatrics: Lunch
- BUSN Historical: History of Anesthesiology: Lunch

Individual Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):

- Jennifer Manne: American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 62nd Annual meeting- presenting
- Shannon Byler: 18th World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 16th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine- presenting
- Emily Holick: National Student Conference on Integrative Medicine- attending
- Stephanie Shaw: National Student Conference on Integrative Medicine- attending
- Jacob Kneeman: National Student Conference on Integrative Medicine- attending
- Mounica Donepudi: National Student Conference on Integrative Medicine- attending
- Sukhmani Gill: National Student Conference on Integrative Medicine- attending
- Claudia Lucia Sotillo: American Society of Anesthesiology Annual Conference- attending
- Julia Bartolomeo: FMEC Northeast Region Meeting- attending
- Alan Hoang: American Society of Anesthesiology Annual Conference- attending
- Didi Pathak: 31st World Congress Endourology Conference- presenting

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Upcoming Events:

- Semiformal will take place on the evening of November 8, 2013, boarding 10:30-11:15pm, sailing between 11:30pm-1:30am. Tickets will be sold mid-October at \$15/ticket. As tickets are limited, everyone is allowed ONLY ONE plus-one for his or her significant other. Otherwise, tickets are not to be sold or given to people outside of the BUSM student body. Please note that if guests are considered to be intoxicated by Spirit Cruises, guests may be turned away; refunds will not be issued in these cases. We're looking forward to the event! (Social Chair Rachel Morgan; Al Nadjarian, Ryan Quinton)
- Planning for sweatshirt sales has begun; more information to come! (Andy Mittelman, Ryan Quinton)

Other Minutes:

- Chair Update: Michelle Min (BUSM III)
 - BU's Physician Assistant program will begin the next academic year. 24 PA students will join the current M1 students for DRx. Additional resources and clinical sites have already been secured PA students that will not conflict with current slots for medical students. PA advisor committee will meet October 29.
 - Wellness Committee will meet Oct 10 at 1pm. Please read next month's meeting minutes for details.
 - SCOMSA comment/question/suggestion box will be placed in the OSA area, location will most likely be by the free OSA coffee.
 - SCOMSA survey will be sent to the school in the following weeks regarding what SCOMSA does and how SCOMSA can improve.
- Angela Jackson (Dean of Student Affairs)- Safety around the MSR:
 - Students have suggested rerouting bus route to transport patients from school to the MSR, adding lighting around the campus, and adding a mirror on the blind driveway to the MSR in order to increase safety.
 - These suggestions are being considered by administration and bus schedules are currently being evaluated. Send an email to Dean Jackson with suggestions.
 - Always remember common sense when walking at night (don't expose valuables in the open, particularly your phones; pay attention to your surroundings!)
- Announcement from Tom Fitzgerald, Alumni Association:
 - The Alumni Association strives to encourage philanthropy and a strong relationship with students at BUSM. They have helped to raise over 1 million dollars a year from alumni donors. This helps support student organizations, student meetings, and lecturers every year.
 - Some services include "food for thought" - breakfast before exams
 - Phone-a-thon has been successful in the past years in raising money. Next one will take place October 29th, contact alumbusm@bu.edu or visit office at L120 if interested in helping.
 - Also looking for people from Class of 2014 to participate in alumni project.
 - Looking for support for your student organization? Contact the Alumni Association through their Funding Request form that can be found on their website; the Alumni Office will evaluate your mission and event; it only asks for exposure from supported organizations in organization newsletters, webpages, etc!
 - Alumni newsletter goes out to 7,500 alumni, students, and faculty. If you have ideas, stories, or committee news, click "Student Life" on their website to get in contact.

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- MEC/PCS/ CCS Updates:
 - PCS: meeting not yet held by the time of the SCOMSA meeting
 - CCS: Personal half-days in Ob-Gyn rotation cannot be required to be built into other clerkships. Concerns for varied grading policies for clerkships were raised, particularly for the first 2 rotations of Medicine. Members urged CCS to implement a uniform grading policy. Students are reminded that grades may be appealed for reevaluation.
 - MEC: Check out the new central website for research, "Finding Information Framework." 3rd years will be introduced to this tool during Family Medicine.
 - Candidates for MEC, PCS, CCS, ECS, and OCS representative positions (2 each for M1 and one M2 MEC representative) will be evaluated this month, and voting will take place at the next SCOMSA meeting, November 6th.
- Executive Committee Update:
 - Admissions process was reviewed with Dr. Witzburg, who anticipates a smaller class this coming year. Committee aims to focus on admission of underrepresented women, who historically have not chosen to matriculate at BUSM.
 - Discussed different scenarios of the future of BUSM i.e. what happens if BMC shuts down, competitiveness in medical school, stress of the match system, pass/fail.
- SCOMSA Event Updates
 - Fall BBQ (Kate Carey, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri): The BBQ was a great success with beautiful weather. We thank the corroboration of GMS, SPH, and Dental student leaders. Non-perishable food was collected for Outreach Van Project.
 - Formal will tentatively be held February 21, 2014.
 - Please see "Upcoming Events" above for further details on other SCOMSA events.
- New Student Group Requests: Dance For Health
 - Offers weekly dance classes to older adults in neighboring Boston suburbs in order to help them maintain healthy, active lifestyles.
 - While SCOMSA saw the value of the organization and encourages it to continue, SCOMSA voted not to approve the group for SCOMSA funding, as there are a number of groups targeted toward geriatric health, which could work in conjunction with DFH if DFH wishes to host speakers at the school. If the group's aims or needs change in the future, DFH can be reevaluated later.

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

Date: November 6, 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