

SCOMSA Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4th, 2013

Location: 700 Harrison Ave

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

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, Albert Nadjarian, Sherry Prasad, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri, Jaime Stull, Rani Chudasama, Sara Liu, Charles Mackin, Rachel Morgan, Jay Schmakel, Tony Christiano, Nina Farivari, Amanda Fobare, Michelle Min, Louis Yu, Stephanie Feldman, Kristen Hysell, Adil Yunis, Terry Hsieh, Ryan Quinton

Members Absent:

Alejandra Balen, Mita Shah, Monica Lee, Tyler Robinson, Brandi Castro, Courtney Elm, Diane Haddad, Sam Moradian, Hari Mylvaganam, Katrina Weed, Aly Elezaby, Yoonjoo Lee, Andrew Platt, Katie Spina, David Stepien

Organizational Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):

- APAMSA: Acupuncture Talk: Lunch
- PEDS: PEDS Talk: Lunch
- CNS: Modern Medicine; Meditations on Medical Marijuana: Lunch
- IMIG: Internal Medicine Fellow Panel: Lunch
- AMSA: Single-Payer National Health Insurance: Lunch

Individual Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):

- Anna Jack: Conference on Medical Student Education: Presenting
- Devin Keefe: American Academy of Emergency Medicine Scientific Assembly: Presenting
- Paul Yi: American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons Annual Meeting: Presenting
- Kristin Wood: Annual UW Big Sky Radiology Conference: Attending

Upcoming Events:

- Formal (Social Chair Rachel Morgan; Andy Mittelman, and Lili Sadri): Will be held at the State Room on Friday, February 21st, 2014. Tickets will be \$20 each and will go on sale near the end of January. Ticket will include a dinner of salad, cheese tortellini, rigatoni, chicken marsala, desserts, coffee, and tea. Faculty will be invited.
- Sweatshirts (Andy Mittelman, Ryan Quinton): Money is being collected, and the order should be in by the end of the semester.
- Toy drive (Olivia Rowse, Jaime Stull): To benefit the pediatric unit at BMC. Currently going on! There will be collecting times during lunch hour until Friday, December 13th. Gift or money donations greatly appreciated. The gift box will be near the coffee machines in the OSA until December 13, 9am-4:30pm.

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Other Minutes:

- Announcements:
 - Concerning previous discussions about medical students working as RAs, efforts are being made by students to stress that serving as an RA can add valuable life skills while assisting with living costs.
 - SCOMSA suggestion box is available in the OSA near the coffee. We hope that this will encourage student feedback and constructive comments. Students may leave anonymous notes or notes with contact information so we can respond.
 - There will be a survey sent out soon to gauge students' satisfaction and awareness of SCOMSA. Keep an eye out for this and be sure to complete it- we will be giving away a free formal ticket to two lucky students!
- Executive Committee Update: (Representative Jay Schmakel)
 - 10-20 year overall plans were discussed for approaching potential issues that could arise during this time.
- Other SCOMSA events:
 - Semiformal feedback (Social Chair Rachel Morgan; Al Nadjarian, Ryan Quinton): The overwhelming majority of responses regarding semiformal from students were positive! The ship company will be happy to host the event next year.
- ATM and OCS elections:
 - ATM
 - Congratulations to Nicholas Pritchard and Rachel Shelley-Abramson, who will join Helen Jin as Class 2017 ATM representatives
 - OCS
 - Congratulations to Brett Murray, Class of 2017 OCS Alternate Voting Member student representative, who will join Voting Member Janine Petito
- MEC/PCS/CCS updates:
 - MEC (Representative Michelle Min)
 - Faculty noted that certain questions do not adhere to correct formatting (true/false, "negative" question stems, multiple correct answer choices). It has been decided that in the future, questions like this will be given to the students as a question "credit" without decreasing the number of total questions on the exam.
 - PCS (Representative Rachel Morgan)
 - Hem/Onc- Discussions were held on the required textbook
 - CCS (Representatives Rani Chudasama, Terry Hsieh)
 - 5 year plan is in progress to build a new auditorium and other study spaces for the school of medicine.
 - Safety concerns at clerkships were addressed - home visits sometimes feel unsafe (family medicine, geriatrics)
 - Format of Dean's letter- "verbatim" narrative comments from clerkships can be detrimental to some students' residency applications and was brought to the attention of the committee by Dean Jackson.
 - Standardization of clerkships: Students would like to strive to standardize shelf scores and make clerkship evaluations more transparent to students.
- Student Services update: (Representative Jay Schmakel)

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- Video Advertisements: students may use this service to post housing ads, organization announcements, lunch talks of the day, etc. Request advertisement template from Liz Gallagher, Lgal@bu.edu.
- BU shuttle usage is being analyzed, specifically focusing on routes, bus usage, and possibility of flipping the route between the MSR and school. Enforcement of ID check may begin at the Huntington stop, because there a number of people using the bus that is not affiliated with BU.
- 801 Albany Street will not be used by BU beginning in February, but the officer in the building will stay to serve the MSR.
- Renovations for the L building will take place over break.
- **Library Committee Update:** (Jay Schmakel)
 - The plan to convert the 11th floor into a testing space – still in progress. This will serve all classes, and can be used as a study space during non-testing times. Development will begin next summer/fall. On test days, the 11th floor will be accessible via elevator.
 - For now, the library cannot add study spaces due to potential fire hazards. Once fire regulation and codes are approved, plans to add tables and chairs can move forward.
- **Wellness Committee Update:** (Amanda Fobare)
 - Students still express concerns about gym memberships and the availability of gym services.
 - Also concerning is the difficulty in finding primary care physicians and ob/gyn offices. A goal is to make PCP options via student health plan easier to identify and make the beginning-of-the-year PCP signups more efficient.
 - Committee is aiming to form a calendar for all wellness events through the multiple wellness-related committees (yoga, dance, etc).

Next SCOMSA Meeting: January 8, 2014

If you have any questions, please email us at scomsa@bu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you. Please remember that all funding requests must be submitted *three days prior to the next SCOMSA meeting*.

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