

SCOMSA Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6th, 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, Albert Nadjarian, Sherry Prasad, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri, Jaime Stull, Rani Chudasama, Mita Hoppenfeld, Sara Liu, Charles Mackin, Rachel Morgan, Nina Farivari, Amanda Fobare, Michelle Min, Louis Yu, Stephanie Feldman, Adil Yunis, Sam Moradian, Aly Elezaby, Terry Hsieh, Yoonjoo Lee, Ryan Quinton, Jay Schmakel

Members Absent:

Alejandra Balen, Tony Christiano, Monica Lee, Tyler Robinson, Brandi Castro, Courtney Elm, Diane Haddad, Kristen Hysell, Hari Mylvaganam, Katrina Weed, Andrew Platt, Katie Spina, David Stepien

Organizational Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):

- Medicine and Public Health Association: MPHA Meeting and Discussion: Dinner
- IHI: Disability and Health Policy Talk: Lunch
- MedGLO: Bisexual Health Talk: Lunch
- SNAAC: Childhood Obesity Lecture: Dinner
- Women's Health Initiative: Global Work in Women's Health Panel: Dinner
- MedGLO: Transgender Youth Talk: Lunch
- SIGN: Neurology Panel: Lunch
- FMIG: What is a cowboy doctor?: Lunch
- BUSM Historical Society: Early History of BUSM: Dinner
- OIG & AGS: Vision Challenges in the Elderly: Lunch

Individual Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):

- Lauren Collins: American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting: Presenting
- Alexander Rand: AMA Research Symposium: Presenting
- Alexander Gutierrez: Radiological Society of North America Annual Meeting: Presenting
- Ankit Agarwal: Radiological Society of North America Annual Meeting: Presenting
- Marek Kowalski: Annual Conference of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines: Attending

National Funding Approved (Treasurer Sara Liu):

- Sarah Lambeth: MSFC National Conference on Family Planning: Attending
- Nick Woolf, Brad Zehr, Rima Shah, Jay Schmakel, Chifong Wang: AMA Interim Meeting: Attending

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Upcoming Events:

- Formal: The annual medical school formal will take place at State Room on Friday, February 21st, 2014. Tickets will be sold for \$20 per person. Students and their plus ones will be able to enjoy dancing, refreshments, and food. More details to come! (Social Chair Rachel Morgan; Andy Mittelman, and Lili Sadri)
- Sweatshirts: The form for submitting your sweatshirt requests has already been sent out! Please check your inboxes. Forms are due by Monday, November 25th. Make all checks out to Andy Mittelman (no cash allowed). Details on payments and collecting sweatshirts to be sent later. (Andy Mittelman and Ryan Quinton)

Other Minutes:

- Announcements: Michelle Min (Chair)
 - The SCOMSA website has been updated, and work continues to make information available to students. Please remember to visit the website for any funding guidelines or contact us at scomsa@bu.edu. Unfortunately, ignorance of funding policies is not considered a valid excuse for missing deadlines. Visit: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/scomsa/>.
 - Look out for SCOMSA to send its annual survey to the school!
 - Serving as RAs on the Charles River Campus (Update from Adil Yunis, BUSM IV): Because the standing rule is that medical students cannot be RA's at Boston University unless having attended BU as an undergrad, an argument is being made that medical students are well-qualified to serve as RA's and have flexible course schedules the first two years. Students argue that serving as an RA can add valuable life skills while assisting with living costs. Students plan to discuss this possibility with administrators.
- ATM/MEC/PCS/CCS/ECS/OCS election results:
Please help us congratulate the following students who have been appointed as Class of 2017 student representatives:
 - Appropriate Treatment in Medicine (ATM):
 - Representative: Helen Jin
 - Medical Education Committee (MEC) M1:
 - Voting Member: Sara Achrati
 - Alternate Voting Member: Matt Mendes
 - Pre-clerkship Curriculum Subcommittee (PCS):
 - Voting Member: Sherif Aly
 - Alternate Voting Member: Nadem Abou-Arraj
 - Clerkship Curriculum Subcommittee (CCS):
 - Voting Member: Tess Timmes
 - Alternate Voting Member: Tyler Lazaro
 - Electives Curriculum Subcommittee (ECS):
 - Voting Member: Megan Weinand
 - Alternate Voting Member: Saikrishna Kugabalasooriar
 - Objectives and Curriculum Subcommittee (OCS):
 - Voting Member: Janine Petito
 - We also congratulate our new Class 2016 representative on MEC:
 - Alternate Voting Member: Tripp Leavitt
(Robin Djang will continue as the primary Voting Member)

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We thank all applicants for their enthusiasm about our learning environment. We are still seeking an alternate member for the OCS and several ATM student representatives.

- Other SCOMSA Events
 - Semiformal: 325 ticket holders attended semiformal on Friday, November 8th, which was well-received by students. Many thanks to Social Chair Rachel Morgan, Al Nadjarian, and Ryan Quinton for planning a fantastic evening!
 - Fall Volunteer Event: Planning is underway with thoughts to organize a toy drive for pediatric patients at our own BMC during the holiday season. More updates to come. (Olivia Rowse and Jaime Stull)
- Student Services Update (Representative Jay Schmake):
 - Alternative shuttle routes from the Charles River Campus are still being evaluated.
 - Chequer's Manny has replaced use of Styrofoam with plastic after school encouragement! Much work was put forth to make the change affordable; please thank Manny for his efforts.
 - A defibrillator is now available in the 12th floor library. Students request more defibrillators to be installed throughout the school.
- Wellness Committee Update
 - A group of students concerned with wellness, including SCOMSA representatives, met with Dean Jackson about improving wellness.
 - South End Fitness Center is no longer an option for being completely subsidized by the school, but many insurance companies including the school's Aetna subsidize gym memberships
 - The group discussed the possibility of having a cohesive calendar for school wellness events and forming a "wellness committee" with one representative from each student interest group that promotes student wellness.
- PA Advisory Board Update (Representative Adil Yunis):
 - PA committee is seeking students to give tours (preferably fourth years) but without the detriment of tours given to medical school applicants.
 - Students continue to express concern regarding the quality and number of clerkship rotations impacted by the addition of the PA school. Faculty are aware of student concerns, but this issue will be reemphasized to the Clerkship Curriculum Subcommittee (CCS) for discussion.

Next SCOMSA Meeting: December 4th, 2013

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**. Exceptions only made in the cases of unforeseen circumstances.

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