SCOMSA Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2015
Location: Dean's Conference Room
Time: 6:00pm-7:45pm

Topics Summary:
1. Announcements- E-value, Wellness, Senior Gift, and Challenge coins
2. SCOMSA event updates
3. BSC update
4. SCOMSA Executive Board 2015-2016

Executive Board Members of SCOMSA:
Chair: Jay Schmakel
Vice-Chair: Jaime Stull
Treasurer: Olivia Rowse
Social Chair: Kate Carey
Secretary: Paul George

Members Present:
Mary Louise Fowler, Paul George, Anoop Ravilla, Christina Snyder, Kate Carey, Andy Mittleman, Ryan Quinton, Olivia Rowse, Lili Sadri, Jaime Stull, Alejandra Balen, Rani Chudasama, Sara Liu, Rachel Morgan, Jay Schmakel, Nina Farivari, Amanda Fobare, Monica Lee, Terry Hsieh, David Stepien, Yuliang Sun

Members Absent:
Melissa Chua, Megana Hedni, Kara Montbleau, Al Nadjarian, Mita Hoppenfeld, Charlie Mackin, Diane Haddad, Louis Yu, Aly Elezaby, Yoonjoo Lee, Andrew Platt, Katie Spina,

Organizational Funding Approved (Treasurer Olivia Rowse):
• GHEP: BU Global Oncology Chapter Speaker Event – 1/26
• IHI: Championing Quality Improvement at BU – 4/6
• CNS: Neuropathology/Pediatric Abusive Head Injury – 3/25
• GHEP: Global Health Experiences Student Panel – 3/26

Individual Funding Approved (Treasurer Olivia Rowse):
• Nick Smith: Society of Teachers of Family Medicine – Spring Annual Conference – Presenting
• Elizabeth Park: PICOms 2.0: The Second Pyongyang International Conference of Medical Students – Presenting
• Kara Kleber: Women in Medicine Conference - Attending

• Announcements from the Chair
  o E-Value
    ▪ Faculty has noticed a trend that students are not utilizing E-value and SCOMSA was asked for student perspective on this issue.
    ▪ During meeting, SCOMSA raised concerns which included:
      • Some students perceive E-Value as only utilized as an LCME requirement. Real time utility to directly improve the curriculum is not always clear.
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- In preclinical years, it is hard to find motivation to fill out evaluations if students do not have strong positive or negative opinion of the lecturer.
- In clinical curriculum, it is difficult to evaluate residents or attending physicians if the student has spent less than a day with the person.
  - SCOMSA recommendations include:
    - Explore ways for system to be more user friendly, especially for the mobile platform.
    - Interval reports on how the faculty is using evaluations to improve the curriculum.
    - Include clicker questions at end of lectures to have real time feedback data.
    - In preclinical years, open the evaluation form before exams so that students can complete evaluations about specific lectures/lecturers soon after the lectures take place.

- **Any constructive feedback or further recommendations regarding E-Value?** Please email **SCOMSA@bu.edu** with subject line "E-Value."

  - **Wellness Student Advocate Committee**
    - Presentation by Jay Schmakel
    - Students are organizing to make wellness a bigger emphasis of the culture at BUSM.
    - Developing individual structure for work-life balance is imperative for our training as future physicians.
    - Proposed structure for Wellness Advocates:
      - Students from all classes to apply to be Wellness Advocates
      - SCOMSA would appoint up to 4 motivated students per class to be official representatives
      - Roles of Advocates:
        - To meet with OSA, faculty, staff to discuss ongoing wellness issues and projects
        - To exemplify role of embracing student life-work balance
        - To actively advocate for other students’ life-work balance
        - To be approachable for other students to share ideas and concerns regarding student wellness
    - **Initial Goals**
      - To develop and maintain a Student Wellness Calendar
        - To include any school event, student group event, or individual student activities which add to the richness of our student culture of wellness outside of lectures, studying, career building, or clinical work
      - Coordinate with Communications office
        - To advertise wellness events on BUSM’s official Twitter and Facebook, in school publications, and in weekly newsletters
      - Brainstorm ways to incorporate culture of wellness into the mission of the school and into our medical education

- **Meeting to occur where Jay Schmakel will present this proposal to all interested students. Please stay tuned to your emails this week!**
Senior Gift
- Alumni Office emphasized that Senior Gift is not necessarily an item (i.e. a bench, a plaque or a banner) and this is often misunderstood. It most frequently is used as a way to give back to students.
- For example, some classes choose to donate to an existing fund for students experiencing unexpected death in the family to help fund emergency trips home.

Challenge Coins
- At last meeting, the Senior Gift was considered a possible avenue to begin the Challenge Coins. (Please see February Minutes online for more information.)
- However, the Class of 2015 Gift committee had already planned their gifts this year and has been actively receiving donations for this goal.
- Moving forward, we will continue to gauge student interest and research the cost and logistics of the project.

BSC Offer
- The BSC gym offer expired at the end of February. Unfortunately there were not enough new registrations to be able to extend a discount to previous members.
- New members who registered in the month of February will maintain the student deal previously negotiated.

Event Updates
- Formal & Survey – will be covered in the April meeting minutes
- Sweatshirts
  - Money has been collected and the order will be processed on Monday (3/9)
  - It will take ~5 weeks for the order to come through.
- Skit Night
  - The event date has been postponed by 2 weeks.
- Staff Appreciation
  - Will be held on April 1st. More details will be sent out to students.
  - This event is for all BUSM support staff
- Spring Volunteer Event
  - Details to come soon!
- Match Day
  - SCOMSA has committed funds to the Senior Committee Fund, which can be used toward Match Day and Senior Week
  - Fourth Years - Please contact Monica Lee at monilee@bu.edu to help organize and share your ideas regarding your Senior Week!

Elections
- Social Chair – Mary Fowler (rising M2)
- Vice Chair – Paul George (rising M2)
- Chair – Kate Carey (rising M3)

Executive Committee
- Snow days have been a big issue this year. Next year, the tests will be moved from their 8AM start to later in the day. This way, students will have more time to get to an exam, especially after snow storms when travel conditions aren’t optimal.

Executive Committee
- Both parties have accepted the Kaiser program. We will have 6 students attending for a full year. 8 students are currently interested in the 6-month program.
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- There were small changes to the “Evaluation, Grading, and Promotion Policies and Procedures” related to the following:
  - Advanced standing
  - Grade Reconsideration Committee – timelines have been implemented to make the process fair to students and faculty.
  - These changes were accepted

- MEC/CCS/PCS/ECS/OCS/ATM
  - Most committees were postponed due to the snow.

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

Date: April 1, 2015

*Please remember that funding requests are due by 7pm on the SUNDAY evening prior to the monthly SCOMSA meeting that precedes your event.*

**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 Paul George