GENERAL MEETING
IUSM Medical Student Council

Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2011

Present: All voting members were present except for Henry Chou, Megan Uhl, Matthew Gillot, Janushi Dalal, and Connie Kuo. Non-voting member groups present included Admissions Ambassadors, Liaison Committee of Student Representatives, Student Alumni Ambassadors, Volunteer Services Coordinators, Academic Standards Committee, Curriculum Council, Organization of Student Representatives, Student Computer Task Force, and Competency Team Liaisons. MSC-recognized student groups present included the Christian Medical Association, the IU Student Outreach Clinic, American Medical Women’s Association and Medical Missions Student Interest Group. Guests present included Angie Dismuke, John Kindler, Lesley Higgins, John Murray, Mary Alice Bell (Medical Student Affairs), and Maryellen Gusic (Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs).

Present via polycom: All centers were present.

- Call to order 5:31 p.m.
- Opening Remarks
  - The new 2011-2012 Executive Committee (EC) was introduced.
  - The goals for the EC were announced as (1) to increase student involvement in IUSM and (2) to legitimize the Medical Student Council (MSC) in IUSM.
    - In order to legitimize the MSC, the Executive Committee will focus on attendance, resolutions, and transparent voting.
- Center Check-in and Representative Report (BL, EV, FW, LA, MU, NW, SB, TH)
  - Muncie representatives announced that it was refreshing to have center representation on the Executive Committee. He also announced that the new Regional Center Liaison (RCL) had visited Muncie last week.
  - Northwest representatives announced that 18 students went to Haiti for a medical mission trip to work in a cholera clinic where they were able to work with both Haitian and Cuban health professionals.
- Regional Center Liaison Report
  - The RCLs are still working to hear back from various centers.
  - Plans are in place for all 8 campuses to be visited by their respective RCLs in the next few weeks.
- Introduction of Maryellen Gusic, MD, Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, Delores and John Read Professor of Medical Education, Professor of Pediatrics, IUSM
  - Tyler King introduced Dean Gusic and noted how refreshing it was to have a member of the faculty who cared so much about student affairs and opinions.
  - Dean Gusic announced that she has had a busy four months since coming to IUSM.
  - In the future, Dean Gusic would like to have monthly luncheons with student leaders and IUSM Deans to enhance communication, instead of necessarily just utilizing MSC resolutions. Her preferred method of communication is face-to-face, but she is willing to work with student leaders to see what works best for everyone.
    - Dean Gusic used the example of how a resolution concerning students paying for Wishard ID tags would not actually be necessary, since she could directly contact the CEO of Wishard to fix the problem.
    - Tyler King noted that resolutions were not only a way to formally communicate with the administration, but also for record keeping purposes of the MSC.
  - Dean Gusic then addressed the recent development of Third Year Campus Placement. She first covered the history of IUSM expansion, and explained that in 2006, there was a national call to expand the number of medical students in order to address a workforce shortage of physicians across the country. In response, IUSM conducted an analysis of physician needs in Indiana, which showed that approximately half of current physicians who practice in Indiana had some touch with IUSM during some part of their training.
The AAMC also announced that every medical school should be concerned with the projected physician shortage and should expand their class by about 30%. Almost every medical school has since expanded, and new medical schools are popping up as well.

IUSM has a unique opportunity since it already has a distributed system of medical education. Other schools are only distributed for their clinical years, and a few others have a distributed system for their first two years. Other schools are also opening regional centers where they need a workforce, e.g. School of Ontario.

There is evidence that students who are educated in an area (specifically residency) makes the person more likely to form a bond and to practice in that community.

IUSM then created a proposal for the school's expansion, as well as a proposal for funding that was sent to the State. The initial response from the State was that the request made sense and was a good idea, and that the budget would be consulted (The State had actually been the one in the 70s to suggest that IUSM have a distributed system throughout the state). Then the economy went downhill in Indiana and the country.

Dean Gusic was told in September that although it was not the full amount of money that IUSM had requested, there was some funding that might come through. She was informed that the final person who needed to sign off on the check was going to, but there was no promise of a date. The signing happened right after second years had finished their first semester.

IUSM had actually received 1/5 of what was requested. Initial conversations about what could be and should be had to change as the dollar amount changed.

Dean Gusic then made calls to all the centers where there were students in their third year clerkships, asking what they could handle, questions about infrastructure, what clerkships were available, etc. She also went to clerkship directors in Indianapolis to ask what the optimal number of students should be in order to ensure that they have an excellent education – and the number was less than the number of students projected to enter the third year.

Dean Gusic wanted to come up with a plan sooner rather than later instead of waiting until May to tell students what was going to happen and where they needed to go. Therefore, the first week back on Thursday night, Dean Gusic and her administrative team called together student leaders (MSC Executive Committee, center representatives from the centers at which students were taking third year clerkships). Dean Gusic told the leaders the optimal number of students (i.e. 8) for the centers where there was good infrastructure had been identified (e.g. students had gone through their entire third year there; small numbers, yes, but it was a pilot study) and where the data (i.e. shelf exam scores) correled well with that of Indianapolis.

Dean Gusic then discussed her steps to solve the situation. An e-mail from the initial meeting with students and administrators went out on Friday, and Center Directors were also contacted on Friday. A Town Hall meeting was offered to all rising third years and occurred last night (Thursday). Dean Gusic also offered to have individual polycoms with each of the centers if they would prefer that.

At the Town Hall meeting, strong opinions were expressed that students should not be conscripted to go to a center. Students wanted a survey first to see if there were enough volunteers willing to go to centers to see if there was a problem (one of the original intentions of the preferencing system), since up to this point numbers were all based from anecdotal evidence. Students also stressed that when they were admitted, they were told that they could spend up to three rotations away from Indianapolis, but were not told that they would spend more than that away.

Since the Town Hall meeting, Dean Gusic has met with Dennis Deal who has been seeing if more complex sequencing could be used to fill the additional spots at centers that are not filled by those students who already want to spend their third year there, instead of sending other students who did not originally volunteer for an entire year. Dean Gusic cannot give a definitive “yes” until Dennis Deal has had the time to make the complex calculation.

Dean Gusic has also called all the center directors and gave them the charge to figure out what housing was available, what it would cost, and how to pay for it, etc.

Dean Gusic noted that she was not leaving out Terre Haute on purpose, but that Terre Haute had a specific situation (i.e. students on the rural track had already committed to spending four years at that campus).

Question: Would new classes end up staying at centers?
Dean Gusic responded that it was a good question since IUSM was mid-cycle in applications. She emphasized that only during the initial Thursday evening, the notice that the money had come in from the State was received. She noted that she would have to go back to the Legislature to make sure that future years were funded as well, and that currently there are not enough slots for all students at Indianapolis. She also mentioned that centers were already looking for getting fourth year directors. In her first four days after she had started at IUSM, Dean Gusic had made it a point to visit centers and meet specifically with students completing third year rotations there.

Dean Gusic acknowledged that the current situation was not the fault of the IUSM administration before hers, rather that the circumstances must have been just as frustrating for them since no one could get clear answers from the Legislature. She also reiterated her analogy from the Town Hall Meeting, i.e. that the table at which earlier IUSM administrators had sat was now a different table due to the dollar differences, so the same recommendations and conclusions could not be drawn.

Dean Gusic said that in her worst case scenario, a legislator would have mandated that IUSM must send a student to a center where there was actually no infrastructure or pilot programs.

In the interest of time, Tyler King asked that discussion on the topic of Third-Year Scheduling Changes be tabled until its allotted slot in the agenda.

Class Officer Reports
- Henry Chou, President, Class of 2011
  - Henry was not present, so Shreyas Joshi spoke on his behalf. Most fourth years are currently interviewing and enjoying their year.
- Adam Golas, President, Class of 2012
  - Adam commented that everything was going well after two blocks and that they were getting ready to start the teaching award surveys for faculty and residents. He is looking into a way to see if students could vote more than once so that students would not have to be too far removed from a clerkship when voting.
  - Adam reported that the means from the NBME had arrived, and that the Class of 2012 had a mean Step 1 score of 231.7 (SD 21.5), as well as a 96.2% pass rate.
  - Adam will be working with Henry Chou to hold a lunch in March where they invite the Deans and Administrators to highlight great things about the school and things that the school could improve, from the student perspective. He emphasized that it would be an informal working session. In the past, only exiting polls were utilized, and he would like to get the students more involved in discussing solutions.
- Matthew Strausburg, President, Class of 2013
  - Matthew announced that Meet the Clerkships will be held Friday June 10 from 6-8pm at Fairbanks. His team is currently contacting Department Chairs and is looking for funding.
- Chris Mosher, President, Class of 2014
  - Chris announced that the Medical Equipment sale for first years is this Friday.
  - Chris and Vinny Gemma were available today and tomorrow during lunch to discuss possible policy changes about student use of the Medical Library small group rooms. They would like to get more feedback from their peers.
  - Starting next Monday, a new foosball table will be present in the Daly Student Lounge, compliments of the first year class.
  - Otherwise, Chris announced that the first year class is excited about St. Vitus.
  - Tyler King acknowledged that while discussions about the Third-Year Scheduling Changes had been focused on rising third years thus far, that the EC understood that this change would also affect rising second years and would be sure to keep them informed. Dean Gusic also acknowledged the need to keep rising second years involved.

MSC Officer Reports
- Secretary Report – Janice Lin
  - Janice announced that the MSC would be reinstating office hours at the MSC Office, a tradition that had not been used in recent years. MSC EC members will be available to talk to any IUSM student at times set monthly and distributed in the minutes. The office hours for this month will be:
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- Mondays 6:30-7:30am (Lenny)
- Mondays 6:00-7:00pm (Clara)
- Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm (Adam)
- Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm (Tyler)
- Fridays 1:00-2:00pm (Janice)

Janice also announced that this year the EC would like to review the MSC Bylaws in order to bring all content up-to-date with current circumstances. While it is primarily an MSC EC goal, Janice encouraged all MSC members to read through the Bylaws, available online, and to submit any possible changes to Janice (jllin@iupui.edu).

Treasurer Report – Adam McHenry

Adam announced that the Student Activity Fund currently has $8,582, and that it was the EC’s full expectation that the MSC spend as close to 100% of that money as possible so that the money is not taken away by IUPUI at the end of the year.

Adam noted that this money should be used in different projects. He will be meeting with treasurers from each of the classes to draft a budget for this next year.

Question: What is the status of the student activity fees for centers?

Dean Gusic announced that a committee was currently working on guidelines for decisions on how those funds should be sent. She noted that she feels very strongly about student representation on this committee, and also that language should be included to promote use of the funds for service-learning activities.

Richelle Baker noted that both herself and Shreyas Joshi were students on the committee. Richelle mentioned that multiple parties had seen the document and that Stephen Kirchhoff (Director of the Office of Medical Service-Learning, OMSL) had announced at the previous OMSL meeting that the guidelines should be ready at centers by the end of the month.

Mary Alice Bell noted that this is a new process, and that prior to two years ago, activity fees were not assessed for center students.

VP of Membership Report – Lenny Weiss

Lenny emphasized that the Attendance Policy will be more strictly enforced this year, not to penalize MSC members, but rather to enhance efficiency and productivity of the council, i.e. when a vote needs to be taken. When an MSC member is unable to make it to a meeting, Lenny has asked that the member e-mail Lenny to let him know the situation and to give any pertinent updates for the rest of the MSC. The Attendance Policy exists more to prevent the “unexcused absence.”

Lenny announced that he would be compiling a roster with more complete contact information of all MSC members. He asked that all MSC members submit whatever contact information they are willing to share with the EC on the paper passed around at the meeting. He noted that e-mails and phone numbers would be appreciated.

Lenny announced that Interview Day will be held for February 12, 2011. He has been attempting to get in contact with all the current non-voting MSC membership in order to determine how many spots need to be filled for this upcoming year. He had not heard from the Admissions Ambassadors, Peer Advisor Program Coordinators, Used Book Sale Coordinator, or Wellness Liaisons.

Vice President Report – Clara Park

Clara announced that Leadership Day would be held the third or fourth Saturday of August 2011, hopefully in Fairbanks unless student attendance would require a larger venue. Her goal is to increase attendance this year, since past year’s attendance does not reflect the fact that IUSM is the nation’s largest medical school.

Clara would like to change multiple things and will be implementing very short and informational lecture series geared towards information that students want to hear. The theme will be “Ménage a Trois – Business, Politics, and Medicine.” She asked the MSC for help in identifying speakers.

Clara would also like to change the lunch breakout session, used for the past two years, to a panel Q&A session with physicians from all backgrounds (e.g. industry, academic,
small private businesses, large hospitals, etc.), if there is no objection to the elimination of the traditional format of this lunch session.

- Dean Gusic noted that she had recently met with the Deans of the School of Business to enhance the MD/MBA program, and she has access to 60+ graduates who were in jobs similar to those that Clara had just described.

President Report – Tyler King

- Tyler re-emphasized that MSC Resolutions would be used for record keeping and communication with administration. He also noted that from now on records would be kept as to who voted, what they voted, and if they voted no, why they voted that way (with the exception of votes in officer elections).
- He explained that no later than a week before an MSC meeting, pending resolutions would be sent to voting membership for review. At that MSC meeting, the resolution would be brought up for people to speak in favor or against it. The vote would then be done via e-mail after the meeting by sending a yes or no with an explanation to Tyler and Janice Lin.
- Tyler explained that voting transparency would lend legitimacy to the MSC and its elections. When voting for new officers, students could then question candidates why they voted or did not vote for a motion.

Committee Updates

- Admissions Ambassadors (AA) – Marina Miller
  - The first Interview Day of the new calendar year was held today and had a full group of people volunteering.
  - New this year is a website that allows student volunteers to sign up to give a tour, mingle with applicants, and/or host students. This change makes the process much easier on AAs and the applicants.

- Evening of the Arts (EOTA) – no representative present
  - EOTA will be have auditions on Friday January 14th between 5-8pm at Crispus Attucks High School. The event itself will be held April 2, 2011.

- Academic Standards Committee (ASC) – Brandon Downing
  - Brandon acknowledged Dean Gusic’s presence at the last ASC meeting, where they identified several issues, including the timeliness of grade reporting, which will be the major focus this year. He noted that Dean Gusic encouraged the group to act like money was not an object while planning. The ASC is also looking at board scores, which seem to be staying consistent from year to year.

- Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) – Elaina Chen
  - Elaina explained the OSR as a group of five students chosen to represent the school at national and regional meetings held by the AAMC, which ultimately deals with medical education.
  - In November, Elaina and Brittany Payne went to Washington D.C. to attend the national meeting. At the last MSC meeting, Elaina reported on pertinent AAMC news, including the changes in Step exams, scramble, match, etc.
  - Elaina also noted that she had been invited by the Regional Chair to speak at the Central Regional meeting to discuss IUSM’s professionalism curriculum (specifically appreciative inquiry, a program done in the third year that includes a professionalism journal). Dean Gusic played an integral role in identifying the resources necessary to permit this trip.

- Volunteer Services Coordinators (VSC) – Richelle Baker
  - Richelle noted that VSCs had concentrated on getting VSCs at each of the centers and on starting a health fair at every center, both goals of which had been accomplished. She encouraged any center student who wanted to get involved to e-mail her (rimbaker@iupui.edu).
  - Richelle also reported that along with Stephen Kirchhoff, they had visited Lafayette, Muncie, and Terre Haute, and that they had videoconferenced with Bloomington.
The VSCs have been trying to reach out to all OMSL projects to encourage their leaders to reach out to all centers or help centers in developing branches of their project or similar projects.

Updates on individual OMSL projects:

- **Rock for Riley (RFR)** – The band list has been given to the Vogue. There will be a concert on March 13, co-sponsored by Medical Missions Student Interest Group (MMSIG). Rock for Riley has also partnered with Hard Rock and will be selling paper guitars as a fundraiser. Battle of the Bands will be held in March, and there will be a letter writing party on January 21.
- **Adolescents Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)** – There will be school visits this Friday.
- **Doctor Camp** – They are partnering with Butler Pharmacy School to integrate the two school’s summer camps.
- **Alternative Spring Break (ASB)** – The group is looking for alternative sources of funding.
- **IU Student Outreach Clinic (IUSOC)** – There is a new smoking cessation initiative. Online training through Clarian is available for interested students. The IUSOC is also working on partnerships with other schools, including the School of Law and the School of Social Work.
- **Medical Spanish** – There will be a meeting on Thursday January 13, and a mixer will be held at Adobo Grill in the near future.
- **Spring House Calls (SHC)** – The group will hold a call-out on January 25, and the event is tentatively set for April 9. They would like to get funding for centers to a similar project at their satellite center.
- **Best Buddies (BB)** – On April 28 the group will go to a Pacers’ game, and they are looking into a bowling event as well.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – Since the normal spring break trip to Florida fell through, the group will be looking into a summer trip as well as finding a house in Indianapolis to work on with residents.
- **IUSM Orchestra** – The orchestra is planning a performance for EOTA.
- **Creative Art Therapy (CAT)** – The group will meet with an artist at Exhibit 924. CAT also hosts “One Book One School,” for which the current book is titled *Cutting for Stone*.

**MMSIG** – Yiping Li

- Yiping noted that IU Jacobs School of Music would be coming to Indianapolis for a benefit concert, to be held at University of Indianapolis in Greenwood this Sunday at 7pm. Ticket prices will be $10, $20, and $30.
- Dean Gusic confirmed that international trips associated with the school needed to go through a certain process. Yiping noted that they are currently applying to be a supported IUSM program.
- Dean Gusic also noted that there is a new Global Health Center, and that she has talked to the head of the center to ensure that it represented more than just the Kenya program.

**Liaison Committee of Student Representatives (LCSR)** – Matt Pflederer

- Matt will talk to all the second year course directors tomorrow. Mary Alice Bell noted that the LCSR was created in order to solve real-time problems with the second year.
- Matt also announced that curricular reform teams were under-way.

**Literature in Medicine SIG** – Adam Golas

- Adam announced that the MSC will be voting to approve the group as an official SIG at the next meeting.
- The group, led by Dr. Richard Gunderman, is currently reading its third book, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*. The meetings are every third Monday of the month, starting January 17. Adam can be e-mailed for interested students.

**Tyler** noted that in the interest of time, the MSC would move onto the next agenda. All representatives of other student groups should submit updates to Janice after the meeting.
Student Alumni Ambassadors – Francesco Cardelli

- There was a board meeting last week. There will be an alumni weekend in May at the zoo. The group also voted to increase the number of meetings of the board per year to three.

New Business: Third-Year Scheduling Changes

- Executive Council Statement of Concerns – Tyler King
  - Tyler noted that the EC had been very concerned with the process through which slots at centers would be filled for third year clerkships. He noted that the EC did not agree with involuntary placement (defined as the placement of students at a center that is not their first preference for greater than three rotations, excluding Family Medicine) of any student who matriculated before 2011, due to university promises.
  - Dean Gusic noted that under the new model, there would be no involuntary placement, as defined by the EC. She also noted that some students had already approached Center Directors with the desire to stay at that center for their third year.
  - Adam Golas suggested that students could preference some rotations in a place where they have friends or family willing to house them, thus limiting the financial burden on the university, while allowing this model of third year clerkship placement, the preference voiced by the students at the Town Hall Meeting, to occur.
  - Dean Gusic acknowledged that the students’ willingness to help find housing would be of incredible help to IUSM, for every dollar spent on housing would be taken away from education.
  - Adam Golas mentioned that many third and fourth years already wish that they had a way to preference where they would spend away rotations. Implementing this new model would meet that desire.

- Tyler asked for an update from Matt Strausburg on informal numbers of students wishing to go to one of the centers other than Indianapolis for their third year.
  - A South Bend representative noted that for South Bend, 11 students were committed with an additional 2 possibly, 1 was committed for Fort Wayne with another 2 possibly, and 4 were committed for Northwest.
  - A Fort Wayne representative asked if the distribution of the 24 students among the 3 center campuses mattered.
    - Dean Gusic acknowledged that there was capacity for more than 8 students at each of the centers. She also said that she was tied by the money coming from the Legislature to not just expand at one center.
    - A South Bend representative noted that since it had been the original pilot program, it could accommodate and was ready for more students. For the other centers, however, he was wondering if a smaller number of students (if the total number of students at centers reached 24, the number necessary to free up slots in Indianapolis) could in fact be more manageable and necessary to gather more data.
    - Dean Gusic again talked about how she must deal with legislators at each of those centers. She acknowledged that there was no line item for the number of students at a given center, but that the number 8 was chosen for an ideal learning environment. She also noted that the school couldn’t build infrastructure by only sending a small number of students to each center.
    - Anar Desai stated that it was a gross oversight to go straight to the centers without even communicating with the Regional Center Liaisons (RCLs), whose job it was to correspond and work with the centers. She noted that each of the 8 campuses would be visited in the next month.
      - Tyler King acknowledged that more students should have been involved and that it was recognized after the fact, but unfortunately the MSC did not have a month to wait in order to gather information from the centers about this particular issue.
  - Tyler asked Dean Gusic what information was needed from the centers for her to move forward confidently with preparing the new model of Third-Year Scheduling.
• Dean Gusic responded that she needed the names of all students interested in spending a full year at one of the centers in order to establish the number of sequences needed to fill remaining slots.
• Tyler asked that all students should e-mail Matt Strausburg if they wish to spend their third year at one of the chosen centers and that center reps who had that information already e-mail Matt that list directly.
  ▪ A center representative noted that students did not want to vote on this issue without knowing whether or not they would be able to spend their fourth year in Indianapolis.
  ▪ Dean Gusic responded that it was stronger than a possibility and she will do everything in her power to keep fourth year as it currently is – i.e. three core clerkships in Indianapolis and electives done around Indiana and around the world. More analysis will have to be completed before she can be 100% sure.
• Adam Golas noted that center students should be given the option for earlier preferencing for their fourth year, since center campuses do not necessarily provide the large academic center experience that Indianapolis does. In this way, a center student interested in a career that would be held at a large academic center could experience that type of lifestyle before committing to it fully (i.e. sending in applications), since Indianapolis students would have already had that experience in their third year.
  ▪ Shreyas Joshi cautioned that by giving priority to students who spend their third years at centers, the university would be implicitly saying that a rotation at a center is inferior to an experience in Indianapolis, even though the intention for earlier preferencing was not based on quality of the experience but the type of medical setting.
  ▪ Dean Gusic noted that there is high variability in IUSM clerkships, and that there is a need to enhance teaching across the system, not just at centers.
• RJ noted that in the future, communication needed to be received by applicants before they matriculate into IUSM about this issue.
  ▪ Dean Gusic, although she has only been here for four months and had no part in decisions made before that time, acknowledged that she is the person accountable for the education mission at IUSM. She is making every effort to resolve the current situation, include students in that process, and ensure accurate communication to future students.
• Matt Strausburg stated that the survey would be done by Friday, January 14. He will send out an e-mail tonight to the entire student body, and he will work with center representatives as well.
  □ Alex Ondari acknowledged that a Dean’s presence at an MSC meeting was not a common occurrence, and he and his fellow MSC members really appreciated Dean Gusic’s tremendous effort to reach out to students.
  □ Carrye Troyer confirmed that she and her fellow MSII Class Officers could tell their peers that the first model of Third-Year Scheduling would no longer be in effect.
• Adjournment
  □ Anar Desai made a motion to adjourn. Nicole O’Neill seconded.
  □ The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Lin
MSC Secretary, 2011-2012