GENERAL MEETING  
IUSM Medical Student Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2011

Present: All voting members were present except for Matthew Gillot, Janushi Dalal, Connie Kuo, Alex Ondari, Lindsey Peters, and Carrye Troyer. (James Grogan?) Non-voting member groups present included Academic Standards Committee (Evan West), Organization of Student Representatives (Elaina Chen, Janice Lin), Student Alumni Ambassador (Francesco Cardelli), Volunteer Services Coordinator (Elaina Chen), and Used Book Sale (Lara Lazarre). Guests present included Kevin Miller. 

Present via polycom: Bloomington (Bart Douglas-Rep, Misha Ownbey-Rep, James Grogan-MSI Vice-President), Evansville (Andy Krack-Rep), Fort Wayne (Jenny Shao-Rep, Joanna Surma-Rep), Lafayette (Nimisha Bajaj-Rep), Muncie (Mark Foster-Rep, Jordan Wilkerson-Rep), Terre Haute (Prerna Raj-Rep, Tyler King-MSC President), South Bend (Brian Norkus-Rep, Kevin Nemeth-Rep, Thomas Kingsbury-Rep, Caitlin Stevenson-Evansville Rep), Northwest (Lucas Buchler-Rep, Jessica Lee-Rep) 

• Call to order 5:18 p.m.  
• Approval of Minutes  
  o A motion to approve the February 2011 minutes was made by Lenny Weiss with a second by Megan Uhl. The motion passed. 
• Jayme Little, Director of Alumni Programs  
  o Tyler King noted that as an effort for broader center involvement, the MSC Executive Council will continue the effort started last year to hold meetings from centers around the state. For this meeting, Tyler and Jayme Little have traveled to Terre Haute. For the next meeting, they will be at Evansville. 
  o Tyler introduced Jayme and asked him to give updates on behalf of the Alumni Association. 
  o Jayme informed the audience that on Saturday May 21, as part of the annual Alumni Weekend, a Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon will be held starting at 11:45am and lasting an hour and a half. The event will be held in conjunction with the Day at the Zoo will be at the Indianapolis Zoo, and all students (including center students) and their families are invited. Those interested in attending should contact Jayme Little (jtlittle@iupui.edu) or one of the Student Alumni Ambassadors. 
  o The Alumni Association will also be looking for volunteers to help during the Alumni Weekend to give tours of campus and the Simulation center. 
  o Also, students who are scholarship recipients will be invited to meet the donors who made those scholarships possible. More information will be forthcoming. 
• Center Check-in and Representative Report (BL, EV, FW, LA, MU, NW, SB, TH)  
  o Bloomington – A Physician Panel will be held tomorrow. Also, the campus has been volunteering with the local Boys and Girls Club on a smoking cessation initiative, as well as for other programs. A local health fair will be held in April as well. 
  o Terre Haute – First years have finished up their neuroanatomy and microbiology courses, and second years are beginning to study for boards. 
  o Fort Wayne – There will be a career fair next Thursday, and the second year banquet will take place the first Saturday in April. 
  o Lafayette – First years are doing some outreach activities, including demonstrating the importance of hand hygiene at a local academy, as well as holding their April Spring Fest, which has been funded in part by the MSC. Second years are preparing for boards. 
  o Evansville – As of Monday, there is a new interim Center Director, Dr. Steven Becker, a local practicing radiologist, who is taking over for the previous Director, Dr. Rex Stith. After several years of absolutely no access, the MS1s finally convinced the University of Southern Indiana Administration yesterday to unlock the balcony on the third floor so students can eat lunch outside. Two IUSM-E students, Jessie Senefeld-Naber and Kyle Walters, returned from Alternative Spring Break-Honduras with 13 other IUSM students and were excited to have had the opportunity to help treat patients in need while gaining clinical experience.
Muncie – The Deans recently visited with Muncie students in person. Also, the students will be holding a health fair in the coming month.

South Bend – No updates other than that second years are studying for boards.

Northwest – First years are getting ready for their neuroanatomy final, while second years are getting ready to finish off ICMII. The speaker noted that the students are also finishing up their chronic healthcare team presentations, an interprofessional educational experience that is unique to the Northwest IUSM campus and Texas A&M.

Regional Center Liaison (RCL) Report

RCLS are preparing for third year orientation in June. Marina Miller recently met with the Bloomington campus to go over Step 1 preparation and third-year scheduling. They also discussed their recent change to the block test schedule, to which they have adapted very well and actually prefer over the old exam set-up.

Student Organizations Reports

Academic Standards Committee (ASC) – Evan West
- The committee has selected a few classes for which to compare shelf exam scores over the last five years between the Indianapolis campus and the regional centers. Most were similar except that the scores on the Histology and Neuroanatomy exams were significantly higher for those in Indianapolis.
- The committee voted on whether students on the Terre Haute Rural Track who were in need of remediation should join other remediation students in Indianapolis or stay in Terre Haute. Due to the uniqueness of the program, it was voted that those students will stay in Terre Haute for remediation.

Student Alumni Ambassador (SAA) – Francesco Cardelli
- Day at the Zoo in May – students will get an e-mail from the SAAs, other PR materials will be available as well

Evening of the Arts (EOTA) – Henry Chou
- The event will be held on Saturday April 2nd, with doors opening at 5:30. There is quite a diversity of acts this year, including an acapella group, a myriad of dance groups, orchestral and band performances, etc.
- The EOTA committee is still accepting artwork for the silent auction held.
- All proceeds of the event will go to local clinics.

Used Book Sale (UBS) – Lara Lazarre
- Online book sale site has been working, but Lara would like to hold an in-house book sale as done in years past. The event will be a weekend event so center campuses can also participate, and it will be held in the next 3-4 weeks in the Daly basement. Students should be able to drop books off at the library or at another site as designated by Lara. More information will be sent via e-mail in the next week.

Class Officer Reports

Henry Chou, President, Class of 2011
- Match Day was held last week, and for the most part, everyone was happy with their matches. The MSIV officers will be sure to pass on tips about holding Match Day to the current MSIII officers.
- Currently, the Class of 2011 is preparing for graduation and for the senior banquet.

Drew Streicher, Treasurer, Class of 2012
- MSIII students are in the process of deciding what residencies they will be pursuing, as well as setting up away rotations and electives.

Matthew Strausburg, President, Class of 2013
- The MSII officers are still working to secure funding for Meet the Clerkships, as normal sources of funding have been rather unresponsive.
- Yesterday, MSII students submitted their preferences for the order of rotations. Matthew has been working with Dennis Deal to set up the final scheduling preferencing of actual sites.

There was a question from Terre Haute as to when results from the first round of preferencing would be made available. Matthew said the tentative deadline is April 8, with preferencing for actual sites to occur shortly after that.
 Otherwise, MSII students are studying for boards.

- Chris Mosher, President, Class of 2014

- Vice-President James Grogan is putting together the Survival Guide and would like to speak with Regional Center Liaisons and Center Representatives about the project. Chris asked on behalf of James that these individuals contact James.

**MSC Officer Reports**

- Secretary Report – Janice Lin

  - Janice asked that those present in Indianapolis remember to sign-in on the sheets at the front of the room. She also asked that Center Representatives send the names of their respective center attendees to her via e-mail following the meeting, as well as to indicate those students who are currently serving as Center Representatives.

- Bylaws

  - Janice reported that the Executive Council had completed their review of the Bylaws and had made changes mostly related to grammar and formatting. Major changes included complete overhaul of the finance section by Adam McHenry and a much simplified Student Leader Interview Day section by Lenny Weiss. Student Interest Groups should also note that the proposed changes include delaying the time of elections and the date by which to report elections result to the MSC Executive Council to mid-March and April 1st, respectively.

  - Janice would like to thank all those other individuals who took the time and effort to review the Bylaws concerning their current roles on the MSC.

  - Finally, Janice noted that larger issues will be brought forth for discussion later in the agenda.

- Bulletin Boards

  - Janice announced that an e-mail had been sent today to those students in Indianapolis regarding the Daly basement bulletin boards. As of the start of the MSC Meeting, there were seven spots remaining. She asked that leaders of student organizations who were interested in having one of the remaining spots contact her via e-mail. She also noted that those groups under the Office of Medical Service-Learning (OMSL) already have space on the OMSL Bulletin Boards, which will be handled by Abby Rice.

- Treasurer Report – Adam McHenry

  - Adam presented a graphic depicting the total budget allotted to the MSC on January 1st. Almost 40% of the budget remains as funds that could and should be used by IUSM student groups by July. Those groups interested in getting a piece of the pie should contact Adam (admmche@iupui.edu).

  - Tyler King emphasized the importance of spending as much of the money allotted to the MSC as possible and encouraged all students thinking about holding a project, regardless of size or the timeline, to contact Adam.

  - Adam also reminded students that there are now new guidelines in place for the monies allotted to each center campus. Those guidelines call for the assembly of a group responsible for the dispersal of those funds. He encouraged center students to follow those guidelines. If the need for more funding exists, however, Adam would like those students to talk to him to discuss whether or not their initiative can receive supplemental funding from the MSC budget.

- VP of Membership Report – Lenny Weiss

  - Lenny reported that Dean Bogdewic had received all the Student Leader Interview Day information, and that he has asked that the Deans office inform the Executive Council of their decisions by mid-April. He also noted that there are a few proposals for major changes to the positions, such as adding a slot for MD-PhD students on the Academic Standards Committee.

  - Lenny announced that he would like to see if the campus environment could be bettered by encouraging musicians to perform in the good weather around campus, such as at the People Mover Station. More information will be forthcoming.

- Vice President Report – Clara Park
Leadership Day is being planned. Clara is still working with the White House to try to bring President Obama to IUSM. The White House can only schedule three months in advance however.

Clara also mentioned that the MSC Executive Council meets once a month with the Deans now, and that these meetings would serve as an informal way to voice student opinion. In order for the Executive Council to adequately represent the student body, information will need to be collected via the general MSC meetings. Clara also stressed that if any student has grievances, such as students whose time and position is abused by their superiors (e.g. getting lunch for their resident), then those students should come forth and speak to the Executive Council, as they are in a difficult situation where it may not be best for them to speak directly to the offending superior.

President Report – Tyler King

Tyler announced that Dean Cushing had asked the Executive Council to gather feedback on whether a mandatory influenza vaccination policy for students would be welcomed by students. The Dean provided data from other institutions, where the creation of a policy of a mandatory vaccine improved vaccination rates to nearly 100% in every case.

Tyler stated the position of the Executive Council: that an influenza vaccine should not be mandatory to students statewide, and that if it was made mandatory, that it should at least be provided free-of-charge and be well advertised to all students at all centers.

- Elaina Chen noted that free vaccines are already made available to students. Not all centers, however, are provided free vaccines.
- Flu vaccines are not required at any of the centers.
- Free vaccines are provided at Indianapolis, Northwest, Muncie, and Bloomington.
- Free vaccines are not provided at Fort Wayne, Lafayette, Evansville, and Terre Haute. At many of these campuses, e.g. Terre Haute, hospitals still require the influenza vaccine and many students are paying out of pocket. Prerna Raj noted that in these situations, a mandatory free vaccine would actually be in the best interests of the students.

Shayna Gordon mentioned that when she was applying to away rotations, she noticed that IUSM was one of a few schools which does not require titers (Hepatitis B, Varicella, MMR) for third and fourth year students, and that she needed to go get and pay for those titers herself during the busiest time of the third year. She would like for the Executive Council and the Deans to consider not just the influenza vaccine, but whether titers should be made mandatory or not.

A center student asked if the motivation of the Deans to present this issue was an initiative to protect students or to protect patients. If it was to protect patients, that a mandatory influenza vaccination policy would be highly reasonable if students did not have a significant reason for not receiving the vaccine (e.g. allergy).

Other Business

MSC Resolutions

Wishard ID Tag Resolution

- Janice Lin announced the voting results for the Wishard ID Tag Resolution, as presented by Clara Park at the February 2011 MSC Meeting. There were 21 ayes, and 8 voting members abstained. 72% of voting members voted, so quorum was met. The motion passed.
- On behalf of the IUSM Deans, Clara informed the group that all Wishard ID Tags should now be free to students, and with this tag, students will also get free weekend parking at the Wishard parking lot.

Third Year Campus Placement

- The Third Year Campus Placement Resolution was presented at the February 2011 MSC Meeting by Tyler King but was tabled in order to learn whether the matriculating Class of 2014 had been adequately informed of what their third year campus placement possibilities would be.
• Tyler noted that the Deans had clarified that the matriculating Class of 2014 would be held to the same standards being applied to the Class of 2013 and 2012.

• Adam Golas re-iterated his concern from the February 2011 MSC Meeting that student parents currently could be sent to a rotation far away from Indianapolis even with a young child. He stressed that this situation posed an undue burden on these students and that the MSC should at least consider asking that these students be given priority, if not a waiver, to not be sent away from their children. He noted that with the school’s expansion, the number of away rotations will likely decrease with time, so this move may not be necessary, but it could prevent such situations from occurring in the future.

  o Tyler agreed with Adam’s point but asked that this be written as a resolution separate from the Third Year Campus Placement Resolution. Adam agreed to write and present a resolution for the April 2011 MSC Meeting, possibly with students who are parents and who have faced this situation.

  o Clara Park also mentioned that this issue will be brought forth at the MSC Executive Council and Deans meeting tomorrow.

• With this information, Tyler called for a motion to approve the resolution as presented at the February 2011 MSC Meeting.

  o Anar Desai made the motion, with a second by Clara Park.

  o The resolution will be re-sent to voting members, who will be asked to vote electronically. Results will be announced at the April 2011 MSC Meeting.

o Sports Medicine Student Interest Group proposal – Kevin Miller

  ▪ This agenda item was moved before the MSC President update in order to accommodate the speaker’s schedule.

  ▪ Kevin presented the Sports Medicine Student Interest Group as a student organization that would like to bring information about primary care sports medicine to students. The group also works with the Orthopedics Department for those interested in Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. The group has already met several times and has conducted a Physician Panel.

  ▪ Henry Chou asked how the group would be different from the Family Medicine Student Interest Group if the new group was to be focused on primary care. Kevin answered that Sports Medicine could work from the Family Medicine perspective, but it could also be approached via Pediatrics, etc. The group will be open to holding joint events with already existing student groups however.

  ▪ Tyler announced that the Sports Medicine Student Interest Group Constitution would be sent out to the MSC voting members, who will be asked to vote whether to approve the group electronically. Results will be announced at the next meeting.

o Literature in Medicine Student Interest Group proposal – Adam Golas

  ▪ Adam noted that the Literature in Medicine SIG, advised by Dr. Richard Gunderman, was being well attended and had regular monthly meetings and pitch-ins. The group is on its fourth book of the year. The books read this year include the House of God, 100 Years of Solitude, the Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, and Cutting for Stone, the current book being read and discussed.

  ▪ Tyler noted that the method for approval of this group would be the same as that for the Sports Medicine Student Interest Group.

o Bylaws Discussion

  ▪ Janice Lin prefaced the discussion by saying that the issues being raised by the Executive Council were not necessarily contentious, but were more important than the housekeeping issues already corrected in the Bylaws by the Executive Council. She asked that if a general consensus was not reached among the meeting attendants that a vote be taken so that the final Bylaws could be approved before the end of the academic year.
Janice stated that she would write all consensus positions and/or votes into the draft Bylaws and inform appropriate parties before the vote on the final draft of the Bylaws would be taken.

- Lucas Buchler introduced the idea of changing the Bylaws so that Center Representatives were given votes. The current system of having Regional Center Liaisons (RCLs) vote for regional centers works, but as the institution evolves and expands, IUSM has become less Indianapolis-centric, and there are actually more students at center campuses than the Indianapolis campus for the first two years. If Center Representatives continue to play such a large active role at their campuses and are required to attend all MSC meetings, it seems appropriate to let them vote on behalf of their classmates.

  - The question was raised whether each Center Representative would receive a vote, since this would swing the vote completely in favor of regional centers and away from Indianapolis. Several MSC Officers currently study at or have studied at regional centers, so their votes somewhat reflect that of those centers.

  - The consensus was that each regional center should be given one vote, to be split between Center Representatives like that of the Class Officer Social Vice-Presidents.

  - The question was also raised whether or not RCLs would have a reason to be a separate voting member of the MSC if individual regional centers were given a vote. The consensus was that Center Representatives should become voting members and that RCLs should become non-voting MSC-appointed positions.

- Janice asked for approval to change voting member meeting attendance to include excused absences, as defined by contact between the voting member and the Executive Council initiated 24 hours prior to the MSC meeting and approval of the voting member’s reason for absence by the Executive Council. Approval was given.

- Janice then raised the issue of attendance policies for non-voting members. Currently, the Bylaws dictates attendance policies for only some of the non-voting members, and it varies between each position. Her opinion was that it would be ideal to have one policy for all the positions in order to better advertise and reinforce that policy.

  - Janice described some of the options available for how such a policy could read. She also clarified that attendance for a committee would be defined as the physical or electronic presence of one representative of that committee, and not that of all the committee members.

  - Elaina Chen and Nicole O’Neill both voiced that the degree of attendance at general MSC meetings should vary between position, as more contact with the MSC made more sense for different positions, e.g. the Volunteer Services Coordinators versus the Peer Advisor Program Coordinators.

  - The consensus was that non-voting members should be asked to attend a minimum of one meeting quarterly.

- Shayna Gordon and Adam Golas noted that Student Interest Groups (SIGs) could be expected to attend one-two MSC meeting per year to keep abreast of information. Lenny Weiss agreed and said that attendance could be open so that not all SIGs would attend the same meeting each year.

  - Henry Chou noted that again, it made more sense for some SIGs to stay in closer contact with the MSC, but not so much sense for other groups (e.g. Optho SIG).

  - The consensus was that SIGs should be asked to send one representative to at least one MSC meeting annually, and that they would be encouraged to attend more MSC meetings.

- A motion to approve the Bylaws as will be presented electronically by the MSC Secretary was made by Anar Desai, with a second by Adam Golas.

  - The final version of the Bylaws for the vote will be presented electronically to the voting membership following the meeting, with votes to be collected via e-mail. The result of the vote will be announced at the April 2011 MSC Meeting.

- Adjournment
January 12, 2011

- A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Strausburg, with a second by Lenny Weiss. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Lin
MSC Secretary, 2011-2012