Present:

Voting members present included Tyler King (MSC President), Clara Park (MSC Executive VP), Adam McHenry (MSC Treasurer), Janice Farlow (MSC Secretary), Adam Golas (MSIV President), Pauley Gasparis (MSIV Social VP), Kristin Buzzitta (MSIV Social VP), Matthew Strauburg (MSIII President), Rishi Ardeshna (MSII Treasurer), Carrye Troyer (MSIII Social Chair), Chris Mosher (MSII President), Peter Puthenveetil (MSII VP), Vinny Gemma (MSII Treasurer), Lori Myers (MSII Social VP), Lauren Hutchinson (MSII Social VP), Andy Krack (EV MSII Center Rep), Maria Sono (EV MSI Center Rep), Jenny Shao (FW MSII Center Rep), Michael Maurer (FW MSI Center Rep), Nimisha Bajaj (LA MSI Center Rep), Angie Schafer (LA MSI Center Rep), Jordan Wilkerson (MU MSI Center Rep), Elizabeth Barrow (MU MSI Center Rep), Ashley Budd (NW MSI Center Rep), Chad Flowers (NW MSI Center Rep), John Parish (NW MSI Center Rep), Kevin Nemeth (SB MSI Center Rep), Laura Bryant (SB MSI Center Rep), Bryan Norkus (SB MSI Center Rep), Adam Miller (SB MSI Center Rep), Louise Nassar (SB MSI Center Rep).

Non-voting member groups present included: Admissions Ambassadors (Christian Beuschel, Lucas Buchler), Evening of the Arts (Kristina Shaffer, Angela Choe), GPSG Liaison (Chad Ward), Liaison Committee of Student Reps (Dulanji Kuruppu), Peer Advisor Program (Ganiyat Oladapo), St. Vitus Coordinators (Rachel Snedecor), Student Alumni Ambassadors (Francesco Cardelli), Webmaster (Reiri Sono), Regional Center Liaison (Marina Miller), Admissions Committee (Pauley Gasparis), Curriculum Council (CC) – Basic Science (Cheryl Steiman, Dulanji Kuruppu), CC – Clinical Component (Michael Kaczmarski), CC – Steering Committee (Tianyi Luo), Organization of Student Representatives (Janice Farlow), Student Research Committee (Matthew Shew), Teacher Learner Advocacy Committee (Charles Goodwin), Competency Team Liaisons (Angela Choe), Honor Council (Lucas Buchler).

Guests present included: Mary Alice Bell (Medical Student Affairs), Phil Forys (MSI), Mark Foster (MSIII).

Not present:

Voting members not present included Lenny Weiss (MSC VP of Membership), Alex Ondari (MSIV Executive VP), Drew Streicher (MSIV Treasurer), Jagan Kansal (MSIII Executive VP), Bloomington Center Reps, and Terre Haute Center Reps.

Non-voting groups not present included: Graduate Questionnaire Task Force, Used Book Sale Coordinator, Volunteer Service Coordinators, Wellness Liaison, Academic Standards Committee, Relationship-Centered Care Initiative, Student Computer Task Force, and Student Promotions Committee.

- Call to order 5:42 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes
  - A motion to approve the March 2011 minutes was made by Clara Park and seconded by Chris Mosher. The motion passed.
- Center Check-in and Representative Report (BL, EV, FW, LA, MU, NW, SB, TH)
  - All centers were present except Bloomington and Terre Haute.
  - Tyler King asked that all new Center Reps e-mail Janice Farlow (jllin@iupui.edu) with their new contact information, the names and positions of those present from their centers at tonight’s meeting, and whether or not they had heard of their campus-specific student activities fund (and if so, what the status of the fund/committee is)
  - Tyler King also mentioned that to his knowledge, South Bend is currently the only campus that may be eligible to elect a third year campus representative. According to the Bylaws passed last Spring, only centers that have eight full-time students who will be completing their entire third year at that center are eligible for a third year rep.
- Regional Center Liaison (RCL) Report
  - Janice Farlow will send Center Representative contact information to the RCLs once the information is received.
- Student Organization
  - The Literature and Medicine Student Interest Group (SIG) will be meeting soon. They will be reading Life of Pi in the normal format with a meeting once a month, at which they cover a third of the book. Dr. Richard Gunderman, MD PhD, is the faculty advisor for the group.
  - The Global Health SIG (GH SIG) will be coordinating with the Medical Missions SIG (MMSIG) as well as other internationally-oriented groups, for various initiatives. They are currently...
discussing the implementation of a Global Health Curriculum. They would also like to hear from center campuses about their international initiatives. Center Reps are encouraged to e-mail GHSIG Outreach Chair, Misha Ownbey, or Recruitment Chair, Joshua Ring, with this information.

- The Internal Medicine SIG (IMSIG) is holding the annual Westside Health Fair on October 15 from 9am-1pm. All SIGs are encouraged to participate, and many do each year. SIGs may elect to hand out educational brochures, have interactive health activities, provide screenings, etc. The event is usually well-attended, with about 400-500 members of the Westside community who attend.

- The Teacher Learner Advocacy Committee (TLAC) is in place to protect students. If students have any problems with an attending, resident, etc., they are encouraged to contact TLAC (tlac@iupui.edu) who will investigate case-by-case after all grades have been submitted and anonymously, so that students who present grievances are protected. Clara Park emphasized that students often have the misconception that their feedback on clerkship evaluations will immediately be read and take effect, but usually this takes the full year, so TLAC is a better immediate option. TLAC will have a meeting soon with Dean Gusic in October to address some possibly systemic issues, including many which have arisen at regional centers.

- Alumni Association (IUAA) – Jayme Little, Director of the IUAA
  - Jayme Little was intending to bring Cora Griffin, a new graduate assistant currently a student at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) who will be executing many new programs that will affect medical students.
  - Jayme gave an overview of several programs:
    - HOST is a program where IUAA helps traveling medical students (e.g. fourth years who are interviewing) with their travel expenses. Basically, IUAA will try to find an alum who will host the student for free, and perhaps may provide food and transportation. Jayme has met with fourth year class officers last night to discuss this program.
    - Operation MEDs takes place in the Spring and is an evening event where students have the opportunity to speak with doctors practicing in a number of different fields in a “speed-dating” format. All years are welcome to attend.
    - This year IUAA is establishing a new Medical Student Alumni Council (MSAC), whose role will be to advise the Alumni Association office about issues that are important to students that IUAA can help with (e.g. for something that students are not learning in class, IUAA can bring in an alum who is an expert in the field). IUAA is looking for participants from each class and from all centers. The Alumni Ambassadors (currently an MSC-appointed position) will also serve in this group.
  - The IUPUI Regatta, a half-mile canoe relay race down the Downtown canal, will be held on September 24. This is the first year that the medical school has two teams in the Regatta, both teams of which were sponsored by the IUAA. Jayme encouraged medical students to form more teams, as Dentistry has 8 different teams per year.

- Class Officer Reports
  - Adam Golas, President, Class of 2012
    - A lot of fourth years are currently completing away rotations.
    - The ERAS application submission site opened on September 1st.
    - The fourth year class officers recently discussed events to coordinate with the Alumni Association, including a potential “white coat burning ceremony” involving an evening cookout and perhaps a band.
  - Matthew Strausburg, President, Class of 2013
    - The third year class recently held Class Officer elections. The only change in officers is for the Vice President position, which is now held by Jagan Kansal.
    - Matt Strausburg also coordinated elections for the Class of 2014.
    - The average step 1 score for the class was 229.7, which is still quite a bit above the national average of 222, although not quite as good as the class beforehand.
  - Chris Mosher, President, Class of 2014
    - There are two new Social Chairs – Lori Myers, Lauren Hutchinson – and one new Vice-President – Peter Puthenveetil.
Two weeks ago, a second year medical student passed away after battling a form of cancer. Annique Weekes was 36 years old and a mother of two. She was an exceptional student and was on a merit scholarship. Her service was held last Monday.

- The class has set up a college fund for both of Annique’s young sons. The fund was started with a Doctors in Training donation of $500 for just coming to speak about its Step1 training materials with the class. Chris Mosher encouraged Center Reps to look out for this type of opportunity to fundraise and donate.
- Several parties are interested in establishing a memorial scholarship in Annique’s name. Chris will wait a few weeks out of respect for the family and then will contact Dean Gusic, Annique’s friends and family, the Diversity Affairs Office, and other individuals to begin talks on how this scholarship can be established.

- First year Class Officer elections are currently being held. Voting will start Monday, and officers will be ready to attend the next Medical Student Council meeting.

**MSC Officer Reports**

- **Secretary Report – Janice Farlow**
  - Janice reiterated Tyler King’s request that Center Representatives send to Janice the new representative contact information, attendance record for tonight’s meeting, as well as whether they have heard of their center’s student activities fund.
  - All office hours for the Medical Student Council Executive Council will be by appointment except for Tyler, who will have regular office hours on Tuesday afternoons starting in October.

- **Treasurer Report – Adam McHenry**
  - Three of the five Executive Council Officers sat down with Dean Gusic to get a better idea of how tuition decisions are made after the announcement of the 5% tuition increase for Indiana residents per year for the next two years. Adam explained some overview findings from the meeting, but a more detailed discussion will be held next month when Dean Gusic is able to attend and field questions. Adam asked that all interested parties submit questions to him (admmche@iupui.edu) in order to hold a more effective session next month.
  - At the meeting, Dean Gusic and an employee of IU Operations discussed how the university and the medical school are financed, and especially about how education is only one piece of a larger picture that also involves research and clinical revenue.
  - Adam discussed one myth that was dispelled, that being that the administration would sit down and add up expenses for the medical school and then decide how much to increase each area that generates revenue (tuition being one area), but apparently the costs for the medical school are so complicated that this view is naïve. Instead, the decision is mostly informed by looking at peer institutions, measuring rates of increase, looking at trends, etc.
  - Tyler King and Adam Golas expressed their concern with the rapid rate of tuition increase. Tyler used the example that if tuition were to increase 7% every year, it would double every 12 years, which would mean in 2023, it would cost $60,000 for in-state residents to attend medical school each year and $240,000 for all four years for tuition alone. Many students would then graduate with a debt of over $300,000.
  - Many student leaders would like to see enhanced transparency with university revenue and expenditures. Because it is a public institution, most information is readily available, and other information can be published if asked for. Faculty salary, for example, is already published -- although many student believe tuition goes to fund their faculty, most faculty are supported by their own research dollars.
  - State allocation to the university is shrinking each year. However, the proportion of medical school expenditures that the state appropriations funds is relatively small compared to revenue sources such as clinical revenue (funds most of a medical student’s education) and research dollars.
Many are interested to see if the university structure (i.e. centers around the state) contributes significantly to cost. It was mentioned that many centers are supported by local funds, and the state legislature has designated money for specific centers (so the medical school could not shut down a center if it wished to).

Many students are also concerned about the academic quality of centers, but one of Dean Gusic’s main goals this year is to ensure that there is equal academic quality across the board. Tyler would like this information made publicly available.

- Adam also reviewed the funding process for SIGs. All information is available on the MSC website (www.iusom.org), and specific questions can be sent to Adam. He noted that the MSC has received funding for the semester, and only about 35% of the total allocation has been spent. Any official SIG (i.e. has been approved by the MSC, see Bylaws for more information and the MSC website for a list of all approved SIGs) are invited to apply for the funds.

Vice President Report – Clara Park

- Leadership Day was held at the end of August and was quite successful. A variety of experts spoke on subjects including malpractice, licensing, healthcare reform, physicians in government, and different areas in which physicians can practice (academic centers, private practice, etc.).

President Report – Tyler King

- Tyler reviewed the process for resolutions. Any student in good standing may draft a resolution, which should then be sent to an MSC voting member for presentation at an official meeting. After discussion at the meeting, the resolution will be voted on electronically by voting members, and the results will be presented at the following MSC meeting.

- Tyler will be drafting a resolution, in which the MSC will ask the administration to make publicly available the metrics used to evaluate centers. Metrics would include grades on standardized exams, the dropout and repeat rates, etc. Any suggestions for this resolution can be sent directly to Tyler (mtking@iupui.edu).

- Lenny Weiss, the Vice President of Membership, has been working to publicize changes to the Student Organizations Calendar. Tyler took an informal poll of how many students attending the meeting had heard of the new Exchange Student Organizations Calendar, and it was apparent that more work had to be done to publicize the changes. As a reminder of changes made at the end of last year:
  - According to the Bylaws, polycom must be made available at all SIG meetings that are advertised state-wide (i.e. MD2B-EVENTS-L listserve, sent to IN,CN participants).
  - The Student Organizations Calendar on Angel is being phased out since the school will stop using Angel this year and because it is difficult to find and advertise. The new calendar is available as a shared calendar on Exchange and can be overlaid on a student’s personal calendar.
  - An Oncourse module will be released soon for all student leaders who have MD2B-EVENTS-L listserve access. They will need to complete the module before their rights to the listserve are restored. This will ensure that they know what is “abuse” of the system.

- Tyler encouraged that all new Dean- and MSC-appointed positions and new Class Officers and Center Representatives to read through their portion of the Bylaws (available on the MSC website) and to talk to the outgoing officers. There have been some recent instances where miscommunication has led to some problems for normal IUSOM activities. If anyone has any additional questions or problems, Tyler encouraged them to contact a member of the Executive Council.

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Clara Park, with a second by Chris Mosher. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
January 12, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Lin
MSC Secretary, 2011-2012