GENERAL MEETING
IUSM Medical Student Council

Meeting Minutes
February 21st, 2012

Present:
Voting members present included Janice Farlow (MSC President), Ben Randel (MSC Executive VP), Lucas Buchler (MSC VP of Membership), Jenna Fritsch (MSC Secretary), Adam Golas (MSIV President), Drew Streicher (MSIV Treasurer), Pauley Gasparis (MSIV Social VP), Kristin Buzzitta (MSIV Social VP), Matthew Strausburg (MSIII President), Jagan Kansal (MSIII Vice President), Rishi Ardesna (MSIII Treasurer), Carrye Troyer (MSII Social VP), Chris Mosher (MSII President), Vinny Gemma (MSII Treasurer), Lauren Hutchinson (MSII Social VP), Lori Myers (MSII Social VP), Dan Fer (MSI President), Lisa Sun (MSI Vice President), Kevin Nowak (MSI Treasurer), Alissa Bishel (MSI Social VP), Alyssa Bolduan (MSI Social VP), Angela Shan (BL MSI Center Rep), Andy Crack (EV MSI Center Rep), Nimisha Bajaj (LA MSI Center Rep), Angie Schafer (MSI LA Center Rep), Rachael Steinken (NW MSI Center Rep), John Parish (NW MSI Center Rep), Laura Bryant (SB MSI Center Rep), Adam Miller (SB MSI Center Rep), Loué Nassar (SB MSI Center Rep), Millissa Eley-Alfrey (TH MSIV Center Rep), Julia Freeze (TH MSIII Center Rep), Naina Singh (TH MSII Center Rep), Christian Gage (TH MSI Center Rep)

Non-voting members present included: Volunteer Services Coordinators (Elaina Chen), Used Book Sale Coordinator (Peter Baenzinger), Admissions Ambassadors Coordinators (Lucas Buchler), Student Alumni Ambassadors (Lesley Higgins, Francesco Cardelli), Student Computer Task Force (Peter Baenzinger), Competency Teams Liaisons (Nimisha Bajaj), Organization of Student Representatives (Elaina Chen, Janice Farlow), Curriculum Council Steering Committee (Shahreyar Ansari, Nikita Barai, Tianyi Luo, Prerna Raj), Teacher-Learner Advocacy (Charles Goodwin), Academic Standards (Brandon Downing), Curriculum Council Clinical Component (Tarah Brown), Student Research Committee (Jacob Eitel, Matthew Shew), Admissions (Kathryn Stevens, Dina Bastawros), Relationship Centered Care Initiative (Gabriel Smith)

Guests present included Jennifer Behzadi (Regional Center Liaison), Dr. Rakesh Mehta (Medical Student Affairs), Mary Alice Bell (Medical Student Affairs), Stephanie Karozos (MS1; Integrative Medicine SIG), Michael Burk (MS3), and Danielle Cummins (MS3).

Not Present:
Voting members not present included Paul Connors (MSC Treasurer), Alex Ondari (MSIV Vice President), Nicole O’Neill (MSIII Social VP), Peter Puthveneetil (MSII Vice President), Sarah Rosenberg (BL MSI Center Rep), Andrew Walker (BL MSI Center Rep), Kat Gilbert (BL MSI Center Rep), Ethan Oates (EV MSI Center Rep), Jenny Shao (FW MSI Center Rep), Michael Maurer (FW 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), Kevin Nemeth (SB MSIII Center Rep), and Brian Norkus (SB MSII Center Rep).

- Call to order 5:30 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes
  - A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Matt Strausburg and seconded by Chris Mosher. The motion passed.
  - Janice introduced Mary Alice from Medical Student Affairs and Dr. Mehta (New Associate Dean for Student Affairs)
    - Dr. Mehta, hematologist, introduced himself and announced that he will begin the transition in March 1st and will officially take over June 1st. One of his goals is to be as present as possible by attending MSC centers and visiting every center to meet all students in person. He wants to also have set office hours to make himself accessible to the students.
- Center Check-in and Representative Report (BL, EV, FW, LA, MU, NW, SB, TH)
  - BL: MS1s are preparing for exams and their OSCE. MS2 are starting a speakers bureau to assist with community events to educate people on health concerns such as smoking, STDs, HIV, etc.
  - EV: MS1/MS2s are working on their health fair that will take place on this Saturday. They are also working with the IU Alumni Association to put together a few events.
  - FW: They have started an inter-professional program in which students will learn about other disciplines and get to know other professional students.
  - LA: MS1s are going to Ronald McDonald and IU-SOC this coming weekend.
  - MU: MS1/MS2s are working hard at their classes.
  - NW: MS2s are currently on spring break while MS1s are working through medical cases with interested undergrads.
  - SB: Everyone is busy with school work.
  - TH: MS1/MS2s just participated in their health fair with >400 visitors and >100 sponsors. 29 units of blood were donated. They are working on transitioning MS1s in the leadership positions for next years health fair. They are currently doing research for their upcoming trip to Nepal (not Sri Lanka as previously mentioned). Also evaluating student activity fees and funding for their center events. MS3s just scheduled their 4th year rotations and MS4s are excited for match day.
- Class Officer Reports
  - Adam Golas, President, Class of 2012
    - Match day theme will be a luau. T-shirts have been designed for the event. A poster was passed around the meeting and signed by MSC members that will be displayed at Match Day.
They met with Dr. Gusic about keynote speakers for graduation and are working on personalizing the ceremony.

- MSA is going to fund the breakfast before match day.
  - Matthew Strausburg, President, Class of 2013
    - DIT discount for the Step2 course has been extended for a few more days.
    - MS3s will be helping out with match day festivities.
    - Jagan is creating an apartment guide and a “small things” campaign in which students can submit small things that they want to be accomplished. He is also traveling to different campuses and talking to MS2s about scheduling.
    - Strausburg is working on getting the Pearls Packet updated. Students interested in helping should contact him (mstrausb@iupui.edu)
  - Chris Mosher, President, Class of 2014
    - A Step1 panel took place last week and was taped. It is available for viewing on the lecture recording site under the Spring 2012 folder.
    - The Meet the Clerkship event will take place in the afternoon of June 11th during a regularly scheduled orientation day for MS3 students to get any questions they have answered.
  - Dan Fer, President, Class of 2015
    - MS1 finished their first test block of the semester and the med supply sale deliveries took place today.
    - Many students participated in Interview Day on Saturday and are excited to get involved.
    - Dan proposed starting a system to help students find housing from other campuses, especially center students that are coming to Indy for their summer.
    - MS1s have challenged the MS2s to a powder-puff rematch and are hoping to get the men involved as well.
    - MS1s are going to Climb Time on Thursday at 6pm and anyone is invited to join.

- Integrative Medicine SIG Proposal
  - The Integrative Medicine SIG would represent students interested in complementary and alternative medicine. The SIG would integrate many disciplines of medicine and inform students about various medical practices and alternative methods available to them. Dr. Palmer Mackie has agreed to be a faculty advisor and has agreed to speak. Additionally, a yoga instructor has agreed to give a presentation. They would also like to have some D.O. students come to speak. Several MS1 students have already shown interest.
  - MSC members will vote on approving the SIG.

- School-wide communications
  - The mass quantity of emails received by students is an issue without an easy solution. A group of students have begun a project backed by MSC, which will consist of a school newsletter. It will be a single page with some headlines from the week, a humor section, and a calendar of events for the week. The goal is that it will be a central location for informing students. This initiative will be starting within the next week and will be sent out every Sunday thereafter. The newsletter will probably be available on Oncourse and will be in html format so it is easily accessed. Traffic to the newsletter will be monitored to assess its use by the students and its sustainability. Michael Burk (MS3) and Danielle Cummins (MS3) introduced themselves. They will be heading this new initiative and encouraged students interested in using their newsletter for announcements to please contact them.

- MSC Restructuring
  - Janice has emailed voting members with information regarding restructuring of MSC. Janice would like to schedule a separate meeting with interested students, including center students, to discuss potential restructuring. The purpose of this meeting would be to discuss previous proposals as well as generate new proposals.
  - The restructuring would address what the purpose of MSC is and how we can reshape MSC to better represent the current state of IUSM. The restructuring process is in its infancy and MSC Execs encourage students to send any thoughts or ideas to Janice (jllin@iupui.edu). Questions to think about include:
    - What should be the role and responsibilities of a student leader in the Medical Student Council?
    - How can we better reflect the 9 campus – 1 school model? For instance, on what items should the entire MSC vote/address, and how do we make our meetings less concerned with campus-specific issues… while still making sure that campus-specific issues are addressed?
    - How do we increase participation of and collaboration between all of the voting members of the MSC?
    - What should be the difference between a voting and nonvoting member in terms of roles and responsibilities, if any?
    - What should the difference be between the different categories of voting members in terms of roles and responsibilities, if any? By different types, I mean Executive Officers, Class Officers, and Center Reps. Should these categories or the numbers within them change, and if so, how?
  - MSC Execs are hoping to have a plan outlined by the end of March and for it to be implemented in the Fall.

- Peter Baenzinger proposed that a yearly award should be created to foster collaboration among students. The award would be a peer-nominated award given to a student that has shown initiative in helping out their peers through sharing resources or offering their time to assist others in learning. Students with ideas of how to implement this award should email Peter Baenziger (pbaenzig@iupui.edu).
  - With the current MSC Structure, this would be an Indianapolis Award, but Janice encouraged center students to potentially generate similar ideas for their representative campuses.
MSC Officer Reports

- Treasurer Report – Paul Connors
  - Online forum for funding requests is working well so please continue to use this resource.

- Executive Vice President Report – Lucas Buchler
  - If you encounter any problems with Listserv or abuse of Listserv privileges, please email Lucas (lbuchler@iupui.edu)
  - Thursday afternoon there will be a PR meeting regarding how students view IUSM. Anyone that is interested in participating (6 more medical students are needed), please email Lucas (lbuchler@iupui.edu).

- Vice President of Membership Report – Ben Randel
  - Interview Day took place this past Saturday. There were approximately 90 applicants and former committee members interviewed for the open spots. Preliminary assignments have been made and MSC Execs are working on finalizing the list of accepted students and hope to expedite the process of informing the applicants. Please email Ben with any questions or concerns (btrandel@iupui.edu).

- President Report – Janice Farlow
  - MSC Execs really want to revamp MSC through greater collaboration between MSC members. They would like to better delineate non-voting member responsibilities and making sure that they have the proper support and resources to get things accomplished. MSC Execs are also hoping to increase student-administration interaction, starting with involving more students beyond just the Execs in meetings with the IUSM Deans.
  - MSC Execs are meeting with the Residency Council and if anyone has any medical student issues that they think are pertinent to discuss with the Residency Council, please email Janice (jllin@iupui.edu).
  - Thursday evening (6pm, Daly 185, polycom bridge 22101) students from the various curriculum reform teams will be meeting. Any students are invited to attend. E-mail Janice (jllin@iupui.edu) for more information.

Non-Voting Committees

- Academic Standards Committee:
  - Dr. Jennifer Choi is the new chair of the committee. The committee has a new charge and new goals which are delineated on the MSC Website: [http://www.iupui.edu/~mscstaff/?q=node/59](http://www.iupui.edu/~mscstaff/?q=node/59)

- Competency Team Liaisons:
  - Level 3 achievement through extra-curricular activities are considered as part of "independent studies" when registering for credit on ECMS. The students would need to upload proposal documents individually when registering. This is true for MSC student leaders on competency 9 and IUSOC members on competency 6 regarding achieving level 3.
  - CTL are developing an MS4 student survey accessing the value of achieving level 3 in competencies. Interested in help and input, contact aychoe@iupui.edu or nimbajaj@iupui.edu.

- Student Alumni Ambassadors
  - Operation Meds was a huge success this past week and they are looking for ways to better raise awareness about the event in upcoming years.

- Volunteer Services Coordinators:
  - A student activity fees meeting will take place on Feb 29th from 12-1:00pm.

- Peer Advisory Council:
  - They are maybe planning another MS1/MS2 event before the end of the year but are having trouble finding a date that works for both classes.
  - They are also working on getting everything organized for the new committee co-chairs

- Evening of the Arts:
  - EOTA is still accepting art donations for the silent auction until March 16th. They are also searching for more volunteers for the event which will take place at Crispus Attucks on March 24th. Please see the website for event/donation information: [http://www.iupui.edu/~iusmeota/](http://www.iupui.edu/~iusmeota/)

Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Matthew Strausburg, with a second by Dan Fer. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna N. Fritsch
MSC Secretary, 2012-2013

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