GENERAL MEETING
IUSM Medical Student Council

Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013
Theme: Basic Sciences

Voting members present included Jenna Fritsch (MSC President), Chad Flowers (MSC Executive VP), Jason White (MSC VP of Membership), Darren Plummer (MSC Treasurer), Rahul Abhyankar (MSC Secretary), Michael Daum (MSIV Vice President), Carrye Troyer (MSIV Social VP), Chris Mosher (MSII President), Ryan Kunkel (MSIII Treasurer), Lori Myers (MSIII Social VP), Dan Fer (MSII President), Lisa Sun (MSII Vice President), Kevin Nowak (MSII Treasurer), Alyssa Bolduan (MSII Social VP), Alissa Bishel (MSII Social VP), Parth Patel (MSC President), Sunetris Fluellen (MSC Vice President), Chad Tuchek (MSC Treasurer), Kevin Ni (MSI Social VP), Caitlin Walters (MSI Social VP), Andrew Walker (BL MSII Center Rep), Neal Ramchandani (BL MSII Center Rep), Ethan Oates (EV MSII Center Rep), Taylor Coleman (EV MSI Center Rep), Michael Maurer (FW MSII Center Rep), Alan Tom (FW MSI Center Rep), Angie Shafer (LA MSI Center Rep), Keith Hansen (MSI LA Center Rep), Elizabeth Peacock (MU MSI Center Rep), Jessica Burk (MU MSI Center Rep), Rachael Steinker (NW MSII Center Rep), John Parish (NW MSII Center Rep), Amelia Huang (NW MSI Center Rep), Mike Kalina (NW MSI Center Rep), Loue Nassar (SB MSI Center Rep), Patrick Davis (SB MSI Center Rep), Adam Miller (SB MSI Center Rep), Jennifer Lamb (SB MSI Center Rep), Christian Gage (TH MSI Center Rep), Milan Patel (TH MSI Center Rep)

Absent voting members included Tom Gianaris (MSIV President), Ryan Crane (MSIV Treasurer), Nicole O’Neill (MSIV Social VP), Kat Gilbert (BL MSI Center Rep), Peter Puthenveetil (MSIII Vice President), Lauren Hutchinson (MSIII Social VP), Bryce KcKee (BL MSI Center Rep)

Non-voting member groups present included: Volunteer Services Coordinators, Admissions Ambassadors Coordinators, Evening of the Arts, Wellness Liaison, Student Alumni Ambassadors, Organization of Student Representatives, Academic Standards Committee, Basic Sciences Committee

Guests present: Mary Alice Bell, Anne Flaherty, Maureen Harrington, Dessi Moneva, Umakanth Avula, Aklecia McVoy

- Call to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes
  o A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Lisa Sun and seconded by Dan Fer. The motion passed.
- Center Check-in and Representative Report (BL, EV, FW, LA, MU, NW, SB, TH)
  o BL: nothing to report
  o EV: An AMA newsletter cites that EV had the event of the month → clinical skills workshop (applause!)
    ▪ Expansion plan for the medical center will be announced shortly.
  o FW: nothing to report
  o LA: nothing to report
  o MU: nothing to report
  o NW: nothing to report
  o SB: nothing to report
  o TH: nothing to report
- Regional Center Liaison: Andy Krack (akrack@iupui.edu)
  o Centers, please use the Google Doc to track accepted funding requests.
  o Google Hangout meetings: the Indy social chairs will be invited to the next meeting which will be in a couple weeks
  o MSC restructure → drastic changes not needed → maybe just some simple renaming of positions.
    ▪ Things to consider: concerns about travel and making meetings
    ▪ The emails of the new college leaders was sent out → the centers will meet with their respective reps soon
  o Did you like how we did the center check-ins and reports this time? Centers liked it – saved a lot of time
    ▪ We will continue to do it this way.
- Class Officer Reports
  o Tom Gianaris, President, Class of 2013 (tgianari@iupui.edu) – absent
  o Michael Daum, VP, representing him
    ▪ RSVP’s due April 18th for the Senior Banquet
      o Email was sent out last week and another will be sent out shortly
      o Pertinent information is OnCourse
    ▪ MS3 officer elections will be completed tomorrow
  o Chris Mosher, President, Class of 2014 (clmosher@iupui.edu)
    ▪ MS3s are finishing up their last clerkship
    ▪ April 22, 2013, MS4 electives are due
    ▪ Preferencing for next year ought to facilitate swapping rotations between students
  o Dan Fer, President, Class of 2015 (dfer@iupui.edu)
    ▪ Lectures that are online for Step 1 → instructions on how to access those were in an email
    ▪ Friday, Dr. Barone, will be doing a board review → there will be a livestream on adobe connect
      ▪ Dan will send out the link shortly (CANCELED)
    ▪ MS Resources page → how to join was also in the email (http://www.iupui.edu/~mscstaff/?q=node/302)
AMA lunch talk series on the Affordable Care Act is coming next week
  • AMA lunch series on the Affordable Care Act will be recorded.
    o Parth Patel, President, Class of 2016 (pmpatel@iupui.edu)
    • Doing Skype meetings in April and May → respond to his email

MSC Officer Reports
  o Treasurer – Darren Plummer (drplumme@iupui.edu)
    • Has a baby to deliver
    • Remind all of the SIGs to apply for funding through IUPUI!
  o Executive Secretary – Rahul Abhyankar (rabhyank@iupui.edu)
    • Working on a new MSC voting form
  o Executive VP – Chad Flowers (ctflower@iupui.edu)
    • One of the concerns that has come up is getting pertinent information out to the student body
      • It’s not in one place
    • Current project: four-year information guide
      • This guide will include such things as:
        o Websites that have information → how to write your CV
        o How to access VSAS
        o The MSA roadmap to residency
      • If you have ideas for things to include in this guide: email Chad (see above).
  o VP of Membership – Jason White (jawwhite@iupui.edu)
    • Interview day winners have been informed
    • Email Jason (see above) if you haven’t been informed
    • Orientation Day for SIGs is being scheduled
    • Current SIGs
      • Send your election results to Rahul (see above)
      • Send your constitutions to Jason (see above)
      • Get certified as IUPUI organizations (email Jason if you need help)
  o President – Jenna Fritsch (jnfritsc@iupui.edu)
    • Specialty SIG Residency Resource OnCourse page is up and running!
      • How to join: http://www.iupui.edu/~mscstaff/?q=node/303
      • SIG leaders have access to this page to upload resources such as:
        o Advice
        o Pertinent contact information
    • As MSC members and SIG leaders, ya’ll are all eligible to get level 3 competency credit.
      • How to do so: write a paper and get an informal recommendation from a faculty member or a fellow student
    • Does this apply to center campus reps? Yes!
    • For more information: http://www.iupui.edu/~mscstaff/?q=node/244
    • Adam Hough and Ethan Morrical are currently out in Washington DC to meet with Senator Coats on increasing GME funding.
      • GME funding → increase the number of government funded residency positions
    • Last week’s meeting with the Deans to discuss clerkships. What was said:
      • Organize a panel to help better prepare for MS3 and MS4
        o Such events are already underway and have been recorded
        o On Mediasite, they can be found under → IUSM events folder → 2012-2013 Student Info Meetings
      • Information on VSAS and Level 3 competencies
        o The four-year guide put together by the MSC Execs will address these
      • GLIC sessions
        o Dr. Humbert will improve their utility with the GLIC committee
      • Delay in getting MS4 schedules
        o UME and MSA have promised this delay will not happen next year.
        o Deadline for next year is mid-March: critical for applying for away rotations in time
      • Each clerkship ought to have a checklist of what must be done during that clerkship
        o Dr. Humbert is working on this.
      • Standardization across the clerkships
        o How much is the shelf exam worth as far as your grade?
        o IUSM policy states that the shelf exams cannot be worth more than 50% of your grade.
        o The clerkship director gets the final say in your grade
          • Faculty members that assess you on the wards are weighted by the clerkship director based on their grading trends
      • CV and personal statement information can be found on OnCourse.
      • Surgery CERTTS are tedious to fill out.
        o Dr. Humbert will try to consolidate this.
      • University Hospital surgery clerkships hours are terrible.
Deans are aware of this discrepancy.

Some students doing center rotations must drive 40 minutes to their clerkship every day.

Can they be compensated for gas money?

- No, up to 45 min away is IUSM policy → that’s not something that can be changed.

**Non-Voting Committees and Other Announcements**

Update from Dr. Maureen Harrington, Chair of the Basic Sciences Committee (BSC)

The CCSC oversees the curriculum

- Students, faculty (MSA, UME), and center reps are a part of the CCSC.
- Two components to the CCSC:
  - 1. CCC
  - 2. BSC

  **General information**

  - Who is a part of the BSC?
    - All of the Indy course directors and a representative from each center
  - Members meet once a month
    - MSA and UME Deans attend as well

  **Course and instructor evaluations**

  - It’s important that student feedback be analyzed.
  - These evaluations are sent out by UME which compiles the statistics.
    - This information goes to the course director or the center director.
    - The respective department chairs also looks at these.
    - UME performs an instructor level review → if there’s a problem they contact the center or course director.
  - Dr. Gusic has an annual retreat for the BSC and another for the clinical component
    - This retreat is set up to go over large-scale issues: evaluations, student performance on Step 1, etc.
    - This feedback is given to the CCSC
  - There’s an independent review of each course done by the ASC.
    - ASC is currently reviewing anatomy statewide followed by ICM II.
    - The ASC review is cyclical – once it finishes reviewing each course it just starts over again from the beginning.
  - Student opinions count
    - They factor into promotion and tenure and whether or not the professors get raises.
    - Faculty members do get yanked from lecturing or are encouraged to give more lectures for doing well.
    - Survey exhaustion is annoying, understandably, but surveys are important.

  **Survey/Evaluation fatigue**

  - Want course directors desire:
    - Is there a way to do more real-time evaluation → end of the semester is too late to being doing evals.
    - If evals were more realtime, changes could be made mid-semester.
  - Lisa Sun, MS2 VP, on Dean Gusic’s course representative idea
    - Course reps (students taking each course) allow for mid-semester feedback.
  - MS2 Muncie rep speaking:
    - At Muncie the professor does utilize student representatives as a liaison. Anatomy and micro, e.g., she sent out a survey and compiled her own results.
      - This worked really well at Muncie.
      - This may not be as feasible in larger Indy but may work well at the Centers.
      - This kind of thing is doable via OnCourse
  - At NW, there was a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) system.
  - For clerkships, it may be too difficult to receive real-time evaluation.
  - Email Dr. Harrington (marrin@iupui.edu) if you have questions or comments about course evaluation.
  - Email Lisa Sun (yuasun@iupui.edu) if you would like be a course representative.

- New SIG applications for approval
  - Transplantation SIG, represented by Joe Ladowski, MS1, and Neil Keshvani, MS1
    - Raise awareness about organ and bone marrow donations
    - Two faculty advisers are on board
    - SIG for people interested in surgery and oncology
    - Surgery side:
Pager program
- Members on call → travel to the procurement site with the team → watch the procurement and watch the placement of the organ after that
- Great opportunity for students to see this process from beginning to end.
- Bone marrow procurements are a bit more scheduled so this is feasible too.

Oncology side:
- Little Red Door Cancer Society → help patients get to and from chemotherapy

Other projects:
- Working with SOC and Westside Health Fair to raise awareness about donation
- Speaker series about ethics, residencies, suture workshops

Questions
- Planning events with Surgery SIG
  - This is surely possible
  - Lots of crossover between many SIGs is possible
    - Two day weekend to give tours of the ER like what ENT does
    - Ethics at lunch
- How does insurance work for this?
  - Liability hospitals face with this
  - Columbia Medical School has a similar program called the Whipple Society in which students sign a waiver
  - Jason White is working with Dr. Mehta for liability coverage similar to what is provided for SOC.
- Potential problems: conflict of space with MS3’s and MS4’s who are on their transplant surgery rotations
  - Public Health SIG, represented by Umakanth Avula, MS1, and Aklecia McVoy, MS1,
    - The curriculum doesn’t have a lot of exposure to public health.
    - Three core topics:
      - Women’s health
      - Global health
      - Education and research
    - Regional, statewide, nationwide, and international level will be discussed for each core topic
    - Help provide a novel outlet to get involved in public health research
      - Bring on topics for research purposes → link up with professors
    - Four faculty are enthusiastically on board
    - Dr. Gunderman is the faculty adviser for the SIG
    - MD research liaison who is working with SOC is getting involved as well.
    - Integrating with the existing SIG’s
      - AMWA for women’s health
      - GHSIG for global health
      - Wellness on wheels: get more students into primary care
        - Faculty adviser for that project is the same as AMWA’s → Aklecia has talked to her
- OSR report given by Anne Flaherty, Neil Keshvani, Janice Farlow, and Brian O’Neill
  - IUSM ambassadors to the AAMC
    - Medical education and legislative affairs sits under OSR
    - Regional meetings take place and an annual meeting that is nationwide
    - Regional meeting in St. Louis report
      - Financial Aid
        - Highlights AAMC resources: FIRST service (https://www.aamc.org/services/first/)
          - Med loans organizer and calculator: how much are you getting charged for interest per day
            - Calculating how much you expect to owe
            - Information on loaner payment → how many different ways your loans can be deducted. If you do public service at some nonprofit there is some benefit.
            - Loan repayment at a for-profit hospital residency cannot be done.
            - 80% of hospitals are non-profit.
      - Legislative Affairs
        - AAMC iPhone app is now available!
          - Get updates
          - Provides advocacy courses and orientation
        - VSAS: visiting student application service
          - Students are being asked to provide a lot more in these applications: recommendations, USMLE scores, etc.
          - IUSM is looking at this to shorten what is required. → this ought not to be like applying for residency
          - Director of AAMC, Jeff Young, 2013 unofficial match stats
34,550 active applicants
29,171 total applications
On the Monday of the week, 74% matched
At the end of the week, 528 students did not match (nearly doubled last year).

NRMP: national residency matching program
- SOAP: fills the unfilled position post-Monday
- There were discrepancies in filling spots in specialties
  - There were fewer SOAP positions overall
  - AAMC Charting Outcomes Guide
    - [https://www.aamc.org/students/download/62400/data/chartingoutcomes.pdf](https://www.aamc.org/students/download/62400/data/chartingoutcomes.pdf)
    - Give information on what’s competitive for each specialty
    - Won’t be produced for the next couple years due to political turmoil
- ERAS: electron residency application service
  - Letters of rec process will be simplified
  - Streamlined process
- Student Health and Wellness → this is a national focus currently
  - Lots of ideas: wellness spaces, curricular inclusion (effects of pass/fail, grading/curving, types of courses, etc.)

Adjournment
- A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Sun with a second by Dan Fer. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rahul D. Abhyankar
MSC Secretary, 2012-2013