GENERAL MEETING
IUSM Medical Student Council

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2013
Theme: Academics

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), Peter Puthenveetil (MSIII Vice President), Ryan Kunkel (MSIII Treasurer), Lauren Hutchinson (MSIII Social VP), Lori Myers (MSIII Social VP), Dan Fer (MSII President), Lisa Sun (MSII Vice President), Kevin Nowak (MSII Treasurer), Alissa Bishel (MSII Social VP), Suneetra Fluellen (MSI Vice President), Chad Tuchek (MSI Treasurer), Kevin Ni (MSI Social VP), Caitlin Walters (MSI Social VP), Andrew Walker (BL MSII Center Rep), Bryce KcKee (BL MSI Center Rep), Neal Ramchandani (BL MSI 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), Angi Shafer (LA MSI Center Rep), Keith Hansen (MSI LA Center Rep), Elizabeth Peacock (MU MSII Center Rep), Jessica Burk (MU MSI Center Rep), Rachael Steinken (NW MSII Center Rep), John Parish (NW MSII Center Rep), Amelia Huang (NW MSI Center Rep), Mike Kalina (NW MSI Center Rep), Adam Miller (SB MSII Center Rep), Loue Nassar (SB MSI Center Rep), Patrick Davis (SB MSI Center Rep), Jennifer Lamb (SB MSI Center Rep), Christian Gage (TH MSII Center Rep), Milan Patel (TH MSI Center Rep)

Absent voting members included: Nicole O’Neill (MSIV Social VP), Alyssa Bolduan (MSII Social VP), Tom Gianaris (MSIV President), Ryan Crane (MSIV Treasurer), Kat Gilbert (BL MSII Center Rep), Edward Garcia (SB MSI Center Rep), Jennifer Behzadi (Regional Campus Liaison), Caitlin Stevenson (Regional Campus Liaison), Melanie Huffman (Regional Campus Liaison), Ben Randel (Regional Campus Liaison).

Non-voting member groups present included: Admissions Ambassadors Coordinators (AA), Organization of Student Representatives (OSR), Curriculum Council Steering Committee (CCSC), Academic Standards Committee (ASC), Curriculum Council Basic Science Component (CCBS), Curriculum Council Clinical Component (CCCC)

Guests present: Dessi Moneva

THEME: ACADEMICS

- Call to order 6:00 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes
  - A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Dan Fer and seconded by David Yang. The motion passed.
- Center Check-in and Representative Report (BL, EV, FW, LA, MU, NW, SB, TH)
  - BL:
    - Nothing new
  - EV:
    - First years are starting a new system with physiology sharing a professor with Terre Haute.
  - FW:
    - Liaison for volunteer service groups in Indianapolis?
      - There is a Volunteers Service Coordinator in Indianapolis
        - It is Alyssa Bolduan (abolduan@iupui.edu)
  - LA:
    - Students are volunteering next weekend
    - Microscope fees are still charged for students in Indiana
  - MU:
    - IUSM applicants recently interviewed at Muncie.
  - NW:
    - Local SOC was approved!
      - No longer need to drive to Indy!
  - SB:
    - Eddie, the first year center rep, is going abroad.
  - TH:
    - Sharing a physiology professor with Evansville
    - Health Fair is Feb. 17, 2013
      - Need to start advertising
      - Need to look at budget
      - Question regarding the core curriculum for ICM 2 → answered below
      - Question about Wine Tasting before St. Vitus → answered below
- Regional Center Liaisons
  - All absent
- Class Officer Reports
  - Tom Gianaris, President, Class of 2013
    - Absent
• Michael Daum, VP, speaking on his behalf
  • Met last night about topics: match day, senior banquet, graduation
  • Fellow MS4 passed away over break.
    o College fund will be set up for him funded with the senior gift.
    o St. Patrick’s Day IU item will be sold for donation.
  • Speakers for graduation ceremony and senior banquet have been chosen.
• Chris Mosher, President, Class of 2014
  • PEARLS packet: there is already campus specific information in the packet.
    • This campus specific information will not be updated.
    • All SIG information will be updated in the PEARLS packet.
• Dan Fer, President, Class of 2015
  • Wine Tasting before St. Vitus? We don’t have money for it so it won’t be happening.
    • The hope is that next year this can happen.
  • ICM 2
    • Core curriculum has been approved
  • OSCEs
    • Centers should be allowed to do local OSCE’s by this time next year.
  • 1/11/13: There is a Step 1 prep presentation given by Dr. Barone from Terre Haute.
    • 12:30 pm in Indianapolis and will be Telecommed and recorded
    • It will be recorded on the Medical Student Affairs OnCouse website.
• Parth Patel, President, Class of 2016
  • Foosball tournament is in the works
  • Parth will get the center schedules from Jenna.

MSC Officer Reports
  o President – Jenna Fritsch (jnfritsc@iupui.edu)
    • Calendar updates
      • The UME has created a website listing all of the campus calendars.
        o http://medicine.iu.edu/ume/medical-student-resources/academic-calendars/
      • Janice has created a statewide calendar which lists the vacations and exams for all of the campuses!
        o http://msa.medicine.iu.edu/studentdevelopment/cocurricular/studentorgscalendar
    • New MSC website is up and running. Developed by Reiri Sono.
    • Easier access for activities and lucid information about administration
    • Thank Reiri for her hard work
  • Food Is Medicine
    • Dr. Kunkle would like to get medical students together about a conference in Indianapolis.
      o Information here: http://www.cmbm.org/professional-trainings/food-as-medicine/
      o If interested, register or contact the Wellness Committee (balanced@iupui.edu)
  • Organ Donation Group at the AAMC meeting
    • Started by a group of med students from NY
    • Their goal is to talk about organ donation in the classroom and discuss how to talk to patients about it.
    • Would you like to initiate a group like that here?
      o Contact Jenna (email above)
    • We have held a few Skype or in-person meetings with the center reps. We will try to get to the ones we haven’t by next MSC general meeting.
  • Next MSC meeting: “9 campuses, 1 school” theme generating what we have learned from these meetings.
    o Executive Vice President – Chad Flowers (ctflower@iupui.edu)
      • Leadership Day
        • Tentative date: September 28, 2013
          o There may also be activities on the Friday night before.
        • “Letter of Excuse” to attend MSC meetings during clerkships will be completed by the end of the month.
    o Executive Vice President of Membership – Jason White (jawwhite@iupui.edu)
      • Interview Day
        • Tentative day: February 16, 2013
        • Interviewing new candidates for student positions
        • E-mail will be sent out soon in the next couple of weeks
        • MSC is willing to conduct interviews via Skype.
        • Contact Jason (email above) with questions.
    o Executive Secretary – Rahul Abhyankar (rabhyank@iupui.edu)
      • All MSC voting members should join the new “MSC Voting Member” facebook group.
        • Updates, a member directory with emails, the teleconferencing protocol, and general communication can be found here.
      • Met with ICM II director, Dr. Schwartz
        • Core curriculum for ICM will be finalized before the end of the year.
        • Pressing question: How to engage students and foster excitement for Physical Diagnosis (PD)?
          o If you have any ideas, email Rahul (email shown above).
      • Met with Eval director, Dr. Ribera
We will try to improve the process of Basic Science lecturer evaluation.
Many students put off evaluations until vacation in which case evaluations pile up and professors are less likely to get constructive feedback.
Pressing question: How to improve the administration of lecturer evaluations? Time and place?
  - If you have any ideas, email Rahul (email shown above)
  - If any SIG would like to request funding, GO ON THE MSC WEBSITE FIRST.
Don’t spend the money beforehand!
Make sure you get the event approved first!

Non-Voting Committees
  - Tony Ribera, UME
    - Impressed with the faculty here and how concerned they are about the evals they receive.
    - Results of GQ!
      - AAMC says 79% of all MS4s queried responded.
      - Where IU stood
        - Favorable impression of Basic Sciences
          - Best responses about clinical relevance in five years
        - 80% felt prepared for Clerkships
          - National average: 67%
        - Student participation in research
          - Below average on completing a thesis or collaborating with professors
        - Electives in final year
          - More favorable impression of final year than national average.
          - Nearly all thought elective time was adequate.
      - STUDENT MISTREATMENT
        - 50.9% of IUSM students said they experienced mistreatment (national average: approximately 40%) – we have been higher than the national average in the last few years
          - Highest form was public humiliation!
            - 37%
          - Highest prevalent found in the clerkship setting: residents and interns
            - Janice and Dr. Ribera are working to collect more data on this issue.
            - Reaching out to AAMC about a raw data file.
  - Luke Buchler, CRC
    - One of two students on Curricular Reform 2.5
    - Over the holidays, structure was approved in December.
    - Now we are moving into Curricular Development which involves day to day objectives
      - There will be significant opportunities for student involvement at this stage.
    - Brief description where the school is heading
      - One big change: no longer 9 curricula across the state.
        - There will be just 1 for the entire state.
        - The order in which the courses will be relatively set across the state in 2014 which some leeway for centers that currently employ block scheduling.
      - Much more integration: no discipline specific courses
        - No biochem course, no anatomy course
        - Courses will be more broad
        - Students will be thinking like doctors earlier
      - Third year clerkships won’t exist as they do now.
        - There will be integrated third year clerkships.
        - Discipline/traditional clerkships will be more in tune to 4th year
      - 4th year starts earlier.
        - Lots of flexibility for electives before residency application is submitted.
        - This won’t come into effect for any of us.
    - College In-House System
      - We are one of the largest medical schools in the country.
      - This is how we’ll make a big school small.
      - Split into 4 colleges.
        - Small group work will go on within the houses and the administrators assigned to that house.
        - More room for campus-to-campus communication.
    - Each course will have 2 directors: clinical and basic science
      - These directors are yet to be appointed.
      - These appointed directors will start teams to discuss the course.
        - This is where students can get involved.
          - To get involved, there will be an application process.
    - Why get involved?
• We want our school to be great always.
• We don’t want IUSM to fall in the rankings in the future → this will reflect negatively on us as alums.
• We want the school to keep improving.
• We want a strong student voice.
• In curricular meetings, the students’ voices are always heard loudest and best by faculty and administration.

○ Chad Flowers and Michael Daum, ASC
  • Goal: evaluate basic science and clerkships and listen to student feedback!
  • They have met with all of the clerkship course directors.
  • They will start meeting with the Basic Science directors soon.
  • There is an opportunity to apply for this position on Interview Day.

○ Christine Bayt and Hari Vasu, CCSC
  • Two of four students on the CCSC
  • CCSC is an oversight committee taking in feedback about what the other curriculum committees are doing.
  • Make sure everything is fitting in with the overall curricular goals.
  • Prior Contact Rules discussion
    • Conflict of Interest concern: when students come into a clerkship and have previously been seen as a patient by someone that is evaluation them.
      ○ The thought is to put a policy in place to allow the student and doctor to make a different arrangement to avoid conflict of interest.
      ○ This has not been addressed for a few months.
  • Big initiatives moving forward:
    • Curricular Reform
    • Student Mistreatment
      ○ Forming student focus groups is an idea to learn more about the circumstances at IUSM.
    • In the very beginning of taking a look at the current grading policies especially as we enter a new curriculum:
      ○ Current system: H, HP, P, F + the competency evaluations
      ○ Can we integrate this into a more comprehensive evaluation?

○ Jonathan Weyerbacher, CCCC
  • Not much has gone on in the last few months.
  • CCCC has approved new electives such as a new Geriatric elective in Indy and an Anesthesia elective in Fort Wayne.
  • Many are outside Indianapolis.
  • Special electives
    • CCCC has made a new policy that everything must be evaluated for one month before commencement of the elective.
      ○ So students must submit the application for special elective one month before they wish to start.
      ○ This gives the school time to check out the elective to approve grades, course content, etc.

○ David Yang, Nikki Sullivan, and Ashley Budd, BSC
  • Things BSC is working on:
    • Find faculty in the basic sciences that are willing to run the statewide basic science course.
    • Exam reschedule policy
    • Grade discrepancies
      ○ Specific timelines and paths to follow for an appeal process
    • Subcommittee for grading policies across the state
    • Issue: must you pass the final exam to pass the class?
    • Setting up courses for the future
      ○ Every lecture must have objectives in it that map to the statewide course objectives
  • If you are interested, most of the curricular committees are open for interview on Interview Day

○ Tanyi, SNMA
  • Diversity Week: 1/24/13
    • Lecture series from Tuesday, 22nd, to Friday, 25th
    • Physicians from across the country talk about their experiences as minorities in health care.
    • Lunch is provided!

○ Lori, AMWA
  • Bug Charts are on sale
    • An email will be sent out soon.
    • Good study aid for Step 1
    • The Bug Chart is only one chart
  • Drug Charts will be sent out this month
    • There are two drug charts for one flat fee
    • Emails will be coming soon

• Adjournment
  • A motion to adjourn was made by Chad Flowers with a second by Luke Buchler. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Rahul D. Abhyankar
MSC Secretary, 2012-2013