

CHICAGO MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL GENERAL BODY MEETING  
MAY 29, 2007

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm**

**II. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

- A. Secretary: Jonathan Kaplan ([jkapla2@uic.edu](mailto:jkapla2@uic.edu))
  - I. Be Sure to sign in on the attendance log.
  - II. Motion to pass meeting minutes from 4/30/2007. Motion passed
- B. President: Chris Toupin ([ctoupi1@uic.edu](mailto:ctoupi1@uic.edu))
  - I. Facilities changes: wait until old business
  - II. Welcome Dr. Ho as our new faculty advisor.
  - III. Looking to revise the constitution so that we can refer to it during meetings. Will include everything from position requirements, voting, duties, etc. If you are interested in helping revise the constitution please email Chris Toupin. Looking to start over the summer
- C. Vice President: Ashlee Goldsmith ([agolds2@uic.edu](mailto:agolds2@uic.edu))
  - I. Missing the committee information from the SAC Committee.
  - II. Be sure to check the attendance log from the sub-committee meetings to make sure that it is correct. It is important to have it updated in order to give credit for meeting the requirements and also for the application process for the upcoming year.
- D. Treasurer: Daniel A. Novella V. ([novella@uic.edu](mailto:novella@uic.edu))
  - I. OSA will be helping to pay for food from now on. They want a budget to provide for our expenses. A budget will also be done for HPSC.
- E. UMSC Rep: Carrie Nieman ([cniema2@uic.edu](mailto:cniema2@uic.edu))
  - I. Leadership retreat preparation is in progress. Please provide any feedback or input in order to improve it for next year.
- F. Advisor: Dr. Yee-Kin Ho ([ykho@uic.edu](mailto:ykho@uic.edu))

**III. CMSC OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

- A. Alumni Rep: Vidhi Srivastava ([vsrivstv@uic.edu](mailto:vsrivstv@uic.edu))
  - I. No report
- B. Webmaster: Dan Novella ([novella@uic.edu](mailto:novella@uic.edu))
  - I. Updated the E-board listing and the advisor information on the website.

**IV. REPORTS:**

- A. Class Officer Reports:
  - I. M4: Still working on the t-shirts and they will be sold to anyone interested
  - II. M3: Studying for boards!
  - III. M2: No Report
- B. Committee Reports:
  - I. M1/M2
    - 1. Dr. Raible is going to take the first quarter of pathology and split it into two sections. The first section will have an MCQ by itself while the second section will be combined with CPP, making it 5 total exams on the year. Also reconsidering the 5% grade for participation in labs. Looking for feedback on this idea.
    - 2. Going to change meetings to 2-3 times per semester lasting the entire semester as opposed to every month.
    - 3. Make-up exams are available and not many students needing to retake them.
    - 4. Block changes: GI and Human development are being switched. More details will be provided in the future.
    - 5. Percentage of grading will be changed in biochemistry. Basic nutrition and complementary medicine will have one exam. Clinical nutrition will be separate.

GET THESE CHANGES FROM ASHLEE

- II. M3/M4
  - 1. No meeting
- III. Curriculum
  - 1. No Meeting
- IV. SAC
  - 1. Talking about meeting with the other individual committees to have representatives get updates on changes involving students needing to use sac. This involved changes made to grades, exam scores, etc.
  - 2. Concerns about passing boards this year because of starting rotations earlier in the year than in past years. Want to find out how OSA makes changes to when rotations are starting because it effects how students have to study and their performances. Want to prevent students having to come to SAC
- V. ECM Clinical Skills Advisory Committee
  - 1. Pilot programs for having M4s at practicum sites were successful so next year they will have an M4 at 2 of the 3 practicum sessions. They will be able to sign off on requirements, teach about rotations, and will be helping M2s.
- VI. HPSC
  - 1. No Meeting

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Facilities Update
  - I. Turning the annex into an organizational space beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - II. Trying to fix 106
  - III. Re-doing 221
  - IV. Oasis at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor elevator lobby to create a lounge for students to relax and take a break from class and studying. Looking to start this in the next academic year.
- B. Financial Aid and Budgeting Step 2 in M3 Year
  - I. Will not be affecting the current M4s, only the rising M3s. Based on student feedback, there was demand to change the reimbursement schedule. Reimbursement will be received in January thus encouraging students to register early. Still, be sure to set this money aside because there will be no additional reimbursements so make sure to plan for paying for the step 2 exam.
- C. Health Fair Organization
  - I. Looking to get a student or students to be involved in setting up the health fair and plan it.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Welcome Dr. Ho as our new advisor!
  - I. Very involved with committee meetings and has MD/PhD students in his lab so he has been working on getting a good idea of “medicine” and what everything is like for students. Looking to help get things done and would like to help as much as possible. Still has his office hour on Wednesday for students so drop by and talk any time. Feel free to email as well.
  - II. For M3/M4: Used to be two exams, one like a test exam (shelf) and the other given by the residence program. Used to be that you could fail the shelf exam but get an outstanding in the course. Changed so that you are required to pass the shelf to get an outstanding.
  - III. Working on a document for clarifying what is expected of a medical student and as a physician that will be provided to medical students at all of the sites.
  - IV. Also trying to get evaluation consistency between the different schools.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No meeting in June but there is one in July.**

**VIII. ADJOURNEMENT: Meeting adjourned 5:50**

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