



CHICAGO MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL GENERAL BODY MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

A. Secretary: Jonathan Kaplan (jkapla2@uic.edu)

- 1) Motion to approve minutes from September 2007.
Minutes Approved

B. President: Chris Toupin (ctoupi1@uic.edu)

- 1) Today is funding day so be sure to start taking a look at everything now so that we can run through everything towards the end of the meeting.
- 2) Improvements with the annex: Will be starting shortly. There have been slight changes to the plans due to fire codes. We will have updates at the next CMSC meeting
- 3) Constitution revisions: We will be meeting after the CMSC general body meeting to review and make the changes. If you are interested in being involved you are welcome to stay after the meeting. Future meetings will be announced via the listserves.

C. Vice President: Ashlee Goldsmith (agolds2@uic.edu)

- 1) Great job on attendance from all the reps. We have had almost 100 percent attendance this year.
- 2) DWD will be on November 27th. We are open to topics at this moment otherwise you are free to email me to let me know of topics that are important.

D. Treasurer: Daniel A. Novella V. (novella@uic.edu)

- 1) Currently working on updating the current budget with the data from the leadership retreat.
- 2) We will discuss Funding Day in new business

E. UMSC Rep: Carrie Nieman (cniema2@uic.edu)

- 1) Leadership certification program: Feel free to email me if you have any questions regarding the program. Part of the program is the leadership lecture series. The first event is expected to be around the end of November and there will be more info in the future
- 2) UMSC meeting was on September 29th, 2007. For details about what was discussed please email Carrie Nieman. Thanks for those who were in attendance and helped out. Here is a brief rundown of what was discussed at the meeting
 - a. Student Promotion Policies can be found on OSA's website
 - b. Graduation with honors: The requirements are changing for this years M4s. The data is not available right now but will be in the near future
 - c. Leave of absence policy will also be reviewed in the future. The school would like to look at the details including reasons for leaving, duration of absence, etc.
 - d. USMLE changes will also be coming up in the future. More information to come
 - e. End of Clerkship examination scores must be at or above the national average to receive an outstanding on the clerkship. These requirements must be met in order to receive an overall grade of OUTSTANDING regardless of clinical grade.
 - f. UMSC focus areas: Academic support with step 1 preparation, campus information project to provide details about each campus for applicants so that they can decide which campus to attend, and alumni relations to provide databases for students and alumni.

F. Advisor: Dr. Yee-Kin Ho (ykho@uic.edu): No report

III. CMSC OFFICERS' REPORTS:

A. Alumni Rep: Vidhi Srivastava (vsrivstv@uic.edu)

- I. Alumni reunion and 125th anniversary gala was a great success. It was a great turnout with over 1000 people attending the gala. Thank you for everyone that participated.

KEY DATES

Nov 27th: Dialogue with the Deans

Nov 28th: Leadership Series Talk (details TBA)

- II. The next alumni council meeting is on November 14th, 2007. We need to establish a gift for the M4s this year. We are hoping the alumni will contribute to an event during graduation week. We will be discussing a lot of how the alumni can help out in terms of funding. If anyone has any ideas as to what would be good class gifts from the alumni, please let us know.

B. Webmaster: Dan Novella (novella@uic.edu)

- I. There is a link to alumni page that has been added to the website. Be sure to check it out.
- II. There are also more pictures added to the website from the leadership retreat. Thanks to everyone who attended the retreat and took pictures.
- III. Look for reminders for the upcoming dialogue with the deans meeting.

IV. REPORTS:

A. Class Officer Reports:

I. M4 Report

1. There are 192 days until graduation. Woo-hoo
2. Our class is basically going through the interview process and working on setting up match-week and grad-week. We are close to having a place finalized for match day. We are working on the speaker and will have more details as to all the events in the future.
3. It has been difficult to meet with faculty in OSA because we do not know the hours that certain people are available. We thought it would be helpful if we could get information as to when faculty in OSA are available to meet with students. This would help M3s and M4s so that they can coordinate their schedules.
4. Thanks to the M1s and M4s who bought shirts. We will be opening sales up for everyone to buy shirts in the future. You will be able to order them online.
5. Email Shifali with ECPP recommendations, reviews, changes, etc because we are trying to make changes to improve it.

II. M3

1. There is not much going on with our class. We are basically just doing rotations and taking shelf exams.
2. Our portfolio assignments have been postponed until the problems are solved.

III. M2

1. We just finished the first round of practicum and have started class again.
2. Great job to Melissa and Jenny for organizing all of the reviews.
3. Also we want to thank everyone who ran for Team Bear in the Chicago Marathon. It did not go as expected but congrats to everyone who was involved in that.
4. There is a Halloween party tonight starting at 8:30pm at the apartment/Lion's Head Pub. It is a \$5 donation at the door which will go to our class match day.

IV. M1

1. The date auction will be on November 7th at 8:30 at Rumba which is located on Hubbard. It is a "sweet" location. There are some good packages including Bulls tickets, Rosebud dinners, Chicago Rush tickets, etc. We are hoping to get a good turnout to help raise money for our class match day
2. We are also working on class t-shirts as well so be on the look out.

B. Committee Reports:

I. M1/M2

1. Approval of I&I and Pathology. Both courses provided written reports which were very thorough and efficient. These courses were both passed.
2. Pharmacology: Dr. Guenther is working on making changes that students have requested in the past. He looked at Step 1 questions from this year and will TRY to

re-write questions towards this course but still wants to focus on the importance of pharmacology and does not want to focus on the “drug of choice”

3. Tissue biology: Dr. Becker brought a 1 page report on what is going on with tissue biology and step 1. However the committee did not decide to approve because we felt it would better to have additional information on this course.
4. Neither pharmacology nor tissue biology had course evaluations. These courses were delayed due to the lack of evaluations or information on these courses. Unfortunately we are having a lot of problems delaying these courses if no one fills out the evaluations. If enough people fill out these evals we can take actions at the next meeting. If not we will most likely approve the course next time.

II. M3/M4

1. We discussed the changes that are being made to the USMLE Step 1 exam. It is estimated that there will no longer be a specific USMLE step 1 exam as of 2012 but instead there will be an exam given at the end of M3 year that will incorporate both clinical and classwork. These changes are very big as they will likely change the layout of the first three years of medical school. Please note that these changes have not yet taken place and we are at the very beginning of this topic. No major changes have been made or will be made in the near future, however it is important to keep these topics in mind.
2. Women In Medicine Elective Rotation: This elective was presented to the M3/M4 committee and was very thorough. Students will be able to take this course as an elective rotation during their fourth year. More details are available in the course catalog.

III. Curriculum

Did not meet

IV. SAC

No report

V. ECM Clinical Skills Advisory Committee

No report

VI. HPSC

1. The CMSC budget was approved at the last meeting. This will allow us to allocate funds to the individual organizations and use funds for additional CMSC activities.
2. They stressed project grants, which are being under-utilized for both students and groups. We strongly encourage that students take advantage of these project grants as they are a valuable resource to help pay for community service projects along with other activities.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Facilities Update:

- I. Room 106: Continuing to try to improve 106 but have not received adequate designs. Hopefully will try to get it fixed during winter break.
- II. Health Science Library: Probably extending library hours which should be around our finals.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Funding Day

- I. Thank you HPSC representatives for helping us get the funding for this year.
- II. Motion to approve funding day as the CMSC executive board has recommended. Topic will be opened to discussion:
 1. We do not fund items that are gifts, honorariums, or any other items that can be viewed as such. We also do not fund copies because we will be allowing organizations to use the CMSC copier. The copier code will be provided to organizations approved to make copies.

*****OFFICIAL CMSC WEBSITE at <http://cmsc.uicmed.net/>*****

2. If one organization found an item for less than another organization, the lowest price was applied to all of the groups assuming that each group could get the item for the same amount. However, the quantity was completely fulfilled. We strongly encourage organizations to provide very well detailed proposals so that we can accurately determine the funding that will be provided.
- III. All those in favor of approving issue at hand: 18 → Motion passed

VII. STUDENT ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- A. Eligible organizations: *AMA, AMSA, AMWA, APAMSA, ASAP, EEM, EMIG, IPSIG, JHPS, LaRaMa, LGBTPM, NMIG, NLVS, Psyched, SAMSA, SNMA, SPS, SRFC*
- B. AMA
 - I. Medical school showdown went very well. There were members from all 6 medical schools. We raised around \$900 that will be donated to the free clinic.
- C. AMSA
 - I. Conference went well with over 200 people in attendance. If you want all day credit for the event and the leadership series be sure to see Melissa Goelitz. If you made arrangements with Carrie you can get credit for attending this event rather than the Leadership retreat.
- D. AMWA
 - I. Celebrating breast cancer awareness week this week. Be sure to be on the look out for events going on this week.
- E. APAMSA
 - I. Clinical skills workshop was recently held to prepare for the health fair coming up in November. Our national conference is coming up as well.
- F. ASAP
 - I. Working with students to teach about drug and alcohol abuse.
- G. CMDA
 - I. In November or December we will be having a health fair in Humboldt Park
- H. EEM
 - I. Starting Polish classes within the near future.
- I. EMIG
 - I. We will be having a workshop on intubation in late November or early December.
- J. IPSIG
 - I. No report
- K. JHPS
 - I. No report
- L. LaRaMa
 - I. No report
- M. LGBTPM
 - I. Dr. Hyderi was our first speaker on October 10th to talk about 'national coming out day'. We are trying to contact other organizations to work on getting more involvement. We are also trying to get more information as to working with the Howard Brown Health Clinic.
- N. NMIG
 - I. No Report
- O. NLVS
 - I. Silent auction coming up on Thursday, November 29th. It will be at Flat-top and there will be more information in the upcoming weeks. Also, students are welcome to volunteer there to get involved.
- P. Psyched
 - I. No report
- Q. SAMSA

- I. Our health fair is Saturday, November 3rd. We also have Diwali night coming up on November 9th which we be at student center east. We also have NLVS workshops every month.
- R. SNMA
 - I. Health fair was a pretty big success with many students in attendance. A scavenger hunt is this Wednesday at school. Our annual wine and cheese is also coming up.
- S. SPS
 - I. No report
- T. SRFC
 - I. Looking for M1s to be coordinators next year. Applications are due October 31st and interviews will be held on November 7th.
- U. IFMSA
 - I. Looking for students to host a foreign medical student.
- V. Club Med
 - I. There will be an event on November 12th with a panel of different internal medicine sub-specialties
- W. Medical students for choice
 - I. We are doing training for abortion counseling and safe sex at cook county. Students can get ECM credit for this event.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. We will be reviewing the constitution and everyone is welcome to stay after this meeting to discuss
- B. Organizations: be sure to put your events on the google calendars so that everyone can see what is going on.

IX. ADJOURNEMENT: 6:45