



The University  
of Vermont

LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

### *Student Council Meeting Agenda for March 7, 2018*

**ATTENDEES:** Rebekah Wieland, Sidika Kajtezovic, Cameron Burke, Niketu Patel, Stephanie Brooks, Taylor Wolfgang, Hyunsoo No, Sravana Paladugu, Evan Lowry, James Duguay, Naira Goukasian, Davina Tolbert, Will Earle (via phone), Paul Baresel

**ABSENT:** Andre Robinson (vacation), Ava Bakhtyari (vacation), Elizabeth O'Neill (vacation), Nikolas Moring (vacation), Emily Vayda (vacation), Theo Cisu, Harris Syed, Eric Schmidt, Chantal Mendes

#### **MEETING MINUTES:**

##### I. Updates

- a. Update from Dean Dean Zehle 15 minutes
  - i. Changes to Connecticut site for the class of 2022
    - 1. Starting with co2022, there will be an established branch campus at Western Connecticut Health Network. Incoming students will indicate a preference as they enter their first year and 35 students will spend their clerkship and advanced integration years there as a home base
  - ii. Match Week is next week! Be mindful that everyone might experience the week differently
  - iii. Updates to Student Feedback below (III.c)
- b. Servant Leadership Sid 15 minutes
  - i. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxxKUikZ7YY>
  - ii. Watched video about one-sided stories, reminder for us to not make judgements about others when we only have one side of the story. As leaders/physicians sometimes you have to make hard decisions and not everyone will always agree with them
- c. Community Service Update Emily 5 minutes

##### II. New Business

- a. President Elect Elections Results Hyunsoo 1 minutes
  - i. Congrats to Ava, the new President Elect!
- b. Here to Help SIG Evan/HTH Sig 10 minutes
  - i. Here to Help started as a Schweitzer Project 2 years ago, the goal of it was to provide housing, social services, food, access to showers, clothing, haircuts, etc to the local homeless population once a month. For the first 2 years this was funded by the Schweitzer Project but at this time Here to Help is no longer funded through them. They now hand make all their own

food for the community and had 70 people at their last event. It is held at the First Methodist Church monthly.

- ii. UVM donates first aid kits, hygiene products, and some dental care (though this is harder to provide), would like to supply feminine hygiene products as well
  - iii. Also in need for volunteers prior to event as well
  - iv. Current struggle is increasing awareness that the organization exists, as well as funding for the events (they currently have been spending personal money to finance these events). Are hoping to increase their budget but are currently funded by a \$100 (per year) student council budget, donations, and personal finances, so they are hoping to establish a more reliable source of money that can be passed down year to year
  - v. Smile Docs in the past also started as a Schweitzer Project that transitioned to a SIG afterwards that was funded by Student Council
  - vi. Vote to approve budget of \$1350 – passed
- c. Student Feedback Cameron/Ava/Liz 10 minutes
- i. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gW1y9rwSIZMb83D5bQcnBPz86Za55UqzyNOHEKCTE7M/edit?usp=sharing>
    - 1. IT on the weekends has been a goal for some time, but the hospital IT is not comfortable servicing medical students as they are less familiar with our hardware. Though there is an email address that responds to technical problems over the weekend
    - 2. Reducing parking radius is not something we are in control of, though administration is aware of the concerns
    - 3. Gym progress – in process, can check back now that its after 1<sup>st</sup> semester. She has been contacted but response is pending. Another concern is accessibility as students would have to pay for it and we would not want to disadvantage certain students over others
    - 4. Water bottle filling stations – great idea, facilities has been emailed about the top 4 water facilities
    - 5. Emailed Dana library about sun lamps but it is unclear if people want them in the library. We should follow up with the person who suggested this idea
    - 6. Showers – there were technical issues in that one shower had no light, they are now in functional order
    - 7. Group orders of study resources is organized by the Active Learning Committee but we can survey current students to see what resources people currently want
    - 8. Paying for graduation regalia – some extra regalia items have been ordered for students who would otherwise be unable to participate due to financial reasons. Could also consider establishing a network in the future so that alumni can donate regalia if they're not going to use it again
    - 9. More interdisciplinary graduate events – office will work on it
    - 10. Creamer & sugar – this can be provided
- d. Endies @ ECHO Taylor 10 minutes

- i. Postponed to next meeting
  - e. Talent Show StuCo Committee      5 minutes
    - i. Updates – going well
    - ii. MC Suggestions? Andre suggests Bob (SP)
    - iii. Currently 4 acts signed up – promote more!
- III. Old Business
  - a. Board of Trustees Update Stephanie      10 minutes
    - i. See Comments from Michelle DiPinto, Graduate Student Senate President, below
  - b. Casino Night Stephanie      5 minutes
    - i. Sign Faculty Thank You Cards
    - ii. Picture giving money to Dr. First? Or just drop off with him? During Match Week?
      - 1. Will try to take a picture next week with Dr. First
    - iii. Can we cancel bowling?
      - 1. Will officially cancel bowling as a Student Council event but people can still go on their own if they would like to
- IV. Miscellaneous
  - a. StuCo outing? During Match Week? MSIV/Stephanie      5 minutes
    - i. Monday at 8pm at WaterWorks

### Comments from Michelle DiPinto

[In response to questions about the topics which the Graduate Student Senate President presents to the Board of Trustees & if we as Medical Students could join with Graduate students in one joint presentation to the BOT]

“Although our budget is not as large as the undergraduate budget, there are times that we speak to our budget as well as comments and concerns of the graduate community. For the graduate student population it has been important to use the time to voice student concerns with the goal of the University to grow the graduate student population as well as support programs that the graduate college has (mini grants to help present research, the fitness initiative for graduate students) and continue to grow these programs that help maintain positive wellbeing and opportunity to graduates.

Personally, I think it is important to keep Graduate Students separate from Medical students in these presentations. They are separate groups of students that have different issues. Although graduate students are both funded and unfunded, composed of Professional, Masters, and Doctorate degrees it is imperative that GSS continues to bring up specifically graduate student issues. Just to give some context, when I came into office as the Communications Director two and a half years ago graduate students were not a topic of conversation at all during any larger meetings. We have finally broken that trend and

have been able to use specifically the BOT meetings to indicate what graduate students need.

I don't feel like it is appropriate to put graduate student and medical student issues together since the issues are different to some capacity. I think it would be more beneficial to have the medical students speak to their own issues at BOT meetings to better fit the needs of each category of student and come together in committees with other issues such as housing that effect larger pockets of students."

Total Scheduled Meeting Time: 91 minutes

**TASK MANAGEMENT:**

**Task Manager: Cameron**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Complete</b>