

Agenda for the PLFSOM Medical Student Government (MSG) Meeting (11-23-09)



Present: Dr. Horn, Andy Vaz, Thomas Tullius, Ahmed Ansari, Erica Alvarez, Cynthia Garza, Katrina De Leon, & Tu Mai

- I. Welcome to Dr. Horn. Comment of finances and the budget for the SGA.

Proposed Goals

- II. Adopt policy concerning audio/video taping of lectures and discuss method of implementation/advocacy
- III. Discuss the polling of the class on the policy concerning exam sequence for future units
 - A. Should the Med Skills or SPM summative come first?
 - B. Survey results: the results indicated that the class is happy with the current set up and no change is needed
- IV. Discuss the polling of the class on whether the SCI quiz should come on the Monday immediately following intercession (thereby preserving a formative) or keep current policy in place and instead opt for adding additional questions to the first formative of the Unit to compensate for the lost formative quiz.
 - A) Survey results: 67.9 percent of the class support the addition of more questions to the formative. Survey results also indicate that 69 percent of the class supports the current policy of having the SCI quiz on the second Monday following an intersession, with the first two weeks of a unit being covered in one formative assessment.
- V. Discuss and confirm plans for upcoming Thanksgiving party and set the stage for a Christmas party
- VI. Appointment of social chairs to do event planning. The SGA will continue to solicit the help of any and all students interested in planning social events; we will leave the door open to appointing social chairs in the future.
- VII. Discuss finances/budget for both the MSG, and other student groups. Andy, Tom, or Ahmed will brief MSG officers on Dr. Horn's finance committee meeting after they have attended and decisions have been made.
- VIII. Discuss Thank You Letters to Faculty regarding the Review Sessions, to be delivered to all faculty who contributed to the review sessions for Unit 2.

Action Items

- I. Audio and/or Camtasia of all lectures: the MSG has been advocating for this, so expect to see some sort of change on this in the next month or two.
- I. The MSG will also be advocating for more questions on the first formative of every unit (since they usually cover more than two weeks).
- II. The MSG will appoint Social Chairs to an Event Planning Committee responsible for planning parties and other class activities. Access to funding is envisioned. Anyone who'd like to be a Social Chair should contact Katrina who will be chairing the event committee along with Tu.
- III. MSG discussed the possibility of an upcoming Christmas party. This is a work in progress, so expect emails.
- IV. Tom and Ahmed will be serving on the newly formed School Finance Committee with the Presidents and Treasurers of the MSIII and MSIV classes. The six member Committee will be shaping school group funding. If you have any questions, please contact either of them