

MSG Meeting
February 25, 2025

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Ashley: there have been some reports that discussion of bias and stigma can no longer be part of our curriculum. Is this true? If so, how would that affect PPS and other important aspects of medicine (ex: Medicine in general, serving the underserved, social determinants of health, substance use, LGBTQ+ community, HIV care, etc)

- No impact on curriculum so far
- Monitoring for changes that might come
- Plan to continue these discussions as they are valuable components of patient care

Updates:

Getting ready for match day at National Theater

Finalizing plans for graduation

Alternative careers in Medicine with M1s next week

M2s taking step 1, first round of scores are back, getting ready for TTM3

Rising M4s selecting electives and going through lottery for M4 schedule

Financial office is working on clarifying funds by class after confusion with M4 match day

Noel Cortez -

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- VCU HOSA Panel Opportunity
 - Looking for opportunity to connect with graduate and professional students on campus
 - Speed dating style
 - In need of at least 10 more students, at least 4 med students
 - Awaiting date
- Rams Remember - April 14
 - Commemorate students that have lost their lives during academic journey, working with the families of those students
- GSPNO - April 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm
 - Graduate Professional Student Night Out
 - Family and friends of students are welcome
 - Working on a list of potential activities
- Communication with students regarding executive orders

Q for Dean Cortez: we'd like to have a focused effort to try to incorporate more LOA/remediation help that would span both wellness and curriculum. Is that something you could help us with? - Ashley

- Create a framework of what we might like to see and working with OME in terms of accreditation
- VCU's policy is generally relaxed compared to other programs
- MSG concerns regarding institutional problems with LOA, continuing to support students during LOA
- Students who take LOA lose 6 month grace period of paying student loans? Need to confirm and clarify

MSG Updates

- Class of 2025 - match day prep underway, post-match specialty panels for M3s underway. Need more volunteers for match day, will incentivize with society points. Post match day Specialty panel in discussion.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AmJhVRcxm01KZdOQCcp7OZF7RibFSnBb_R38cfo-boo/edit
- Class of 2026 - life is hard but we're doing it! starting to think about TTM4, Match Day planning, working on TTM3 document updates (s/o Jennifer!), holding elections soon. Thoughts on M3 grading- improvements? Complaints? Work with grading committee to get some input.
- Class of 2027 - still in the trenches of Step 1 prep.
- Class of 2028 - Movement all done. A little bit of grumbling with the amount of mandatory sessions. Folks are hopefully a little refreshed after the first "true" weekend in a while. We also had a meeting with Dr. Woleben about tailoring the next CiM session to address the inflation in certain MATCH metrics and the race to match these metrics.
- President (Ashley)
 - i. Working with Divya and Anne about a multi-pronged approach to remediation policy and support for those needing to remediate or taking LOA- draft proposal for what we would like to see (Jake has been working on)
 1. Lauren Leung is in the committee
 - ii. Continue working with Guiliano to fully understand the budget
 1. Transition of people in financial office-would like to be more organized and continues to be in communication regarding faults and changes
 - iii. Will start meeting with people to ensure proper transition and documentation to be passed down through the years. Please get started

on a baseline draft and meet with Ashley to see if she would like to add anything. Would like to make a manual of some sort.

- iv. M1-M2 specialty panel during TTR?
- Secretary (Sriya)
- Treasurer (Guiliano):
 - i. Working with Rachel and Yana to define MSG and Class budgets,
 - ii. **!!!!!!Reminder to people to CC Guiliano and Darian on all MSG reimbursement forms sent to Yana and Rachel!!!!!!**
 - 1. Darian: kavianidz@vcu.edu
- VP Social (Muqet > Darian):
 - i. Med School talent show
 - 1. Potential date - April 12th tentatively. Consider TTR time (April 28th-May 8th)
 - 2. M2/M3/M4 availability?
 - 3. Location tbd
 - 4. Budget - consider going through GSA and GSPB
 - ii. For muqet after his step exam - transition to med school activities for incoming M1s? Job of M2 social chair? Figure out who's in charge
- VP Societies (Noelle >Lauren):
 - i. Society Cup – 4/5/2025 Sat 12-5 PM Forest Hill Park
 - 1. All class officers please drop flyer + rsvp link in their respective class chats, society leaders will have done so already
 - 2. <https://forms.gle/m3ep7yYHTVbojb9JA>
 - 3. Scoop - will send blurb to Krithika before Wednesday night
 - ii. Will send incentive message out for those that sign up for match day volunteering
 - 1. Please add a column to sheet for recording society- Ashley will ask Gael
 - iii. Families- coordinating with OME, should be in place for next year
 - 1. Will reach out to Anne and work with wellness committee – Lauren
- VP Student Life (Brandon >Krithika)
 - i. Sent out nomination forms for SIG awards in Sunday's Scoop.
 - 1. Nominations in by March 28th
 - ii. Can definitely add something about Society Cup if Lauren wouldn't mind sending a blurb to the VP of Student Life email.
- VP Community Service (Jewel):
 - i. Collaboration with SNMA to promote Black History month facts on big screens in MMEC
 - ii. Question for VP Society: can we collaborate to give society points for match day volunteers? yes!

- iii. Ready to congratulate and pass on knowledge to incoming VP of Community Service
 - iv. Service fatigue with community service requirements?
 - v. Centralizing and organizing community service opportunities as potential task for future of VP Community Service- work with Office of student engagement
- VP of Curriculum (Divya):
 - i. Goals for the end of the year:
 - ii. Collect student feedback on recent clerkship grading changes and communicate these with Dr. Brinegar to ensure they are achieving the goals they were meant to
 - iii. Work with the M1 and M2 curriculum representatives to gather student feedback on the current remediation policy and identify areas of improvement
 - iv. Would love to increase support for students taking LOA - could consider avenues such as having information sessions on LOA and mentors available via PALs
 - v. Ready to congratulate and pass on knowledge to incoming VP of Curriculum
- VP Pubs (Vanessa)
 - i. Will work on transition document for incoming VP
 - 1. Should we keep a running folder of transition documents to make sure essential information is passed on year-to-year? Especially with timelines and contacts
 - ii. Would it be helpful for the student body to have things like the budget allocations published for transparency? Maybe have internal google drive with only vcu email access. View only documentation.
 - iii. If I can get into the account, should we just delete our instagram/facebook pages? It has not been used since 2021 and seems redundant with the other many pages the school has? Possibly instagram and not facebook. Archive old posts.
 - iv. Go over website with Ashley
- SGA Rep (Yashnoor>Akhila)
 - i. Winter Ball for this academic year has been canceled due to financial issues, GSA and GSPB with the support of GPSS is planning other events in lieu of the Winter Ball
 - ii. Brainstorming for a Graduate Student Lounge (in addition to the Cabell library space)
 - iii. GPSS transportation survey added to the MSG scoop to see needs of medical students in terms of transportation

- Wellness Committee (Anne)
 - i. Lounge
 - ii. Bought items for goody-bags for M3s taking step 2 at last shelf exam and potentially for M2s still taking step 1
 - iii. Some extra funding- Community resource project to get massage therapist for students for ~2 hours sometime around TTM3 and TTM4- will have to check if will be covered by budget
 - iv. Remediation policy/LOA
 - v. Families potentially within societies, working with VP of societies
- LCME Representatives (Stewart Kepper & Sonya Feeser)

If you need funding for an event that can be extended to graduate class consider going through GPSS!

Grant has one more questions about those students with children who have child-care concerns- gather students w/children, work with class curriculum rep