

**MSG Meeting  
January 2025**

**OME-**

**Questions for Deans:**

- *Will VCU SoM still be recognizing Black History Month/can we still do events?*
  - *Not sure but we will know more as time passes. Business as normal unless otherwise noted*
- *Does/will this federal freeze have anything forbearance on medical student financial aid? What about PSLF?*
  - *Deans talked with Pemra Cetin, looks to not affect FAFSA or student loans but ears to the ground.*
  - *(David - Judge Loren AliKhan, a federal judge in DC, has placed a temporary block on the freeze of federal grants and loans as of 5:40 pm, 1/28/25.)*
  - *Re: PSLF: Really uncertain time right now and things are not clear whether or not PSLF will be secured or not*
- *When will the M4s get transition schedules?*
  - *Dr. Deiorio will check with Hobgood. Know days of the week but actual timing is unknown dependent on specialty.*

Communication to OME: AAMC OSR– we have opened up the position for recruitment. Position will be overseen by MSG President. Primary will be a rising M4 and alternative will be a rising M2 at time of election (January).

**Noel Cortez -**

- [Forward Focused](#)
- Food Insecurity Working Group
  - Dr. Cortez is representing the MCV campus.
  - Ram pantry is for everyone. Location: Hunton MMEC 2nd floor near bridge
  - Yellow box supposed to be restocked weekly
  - Way to funnel unused food from the cafeteria to students
  - In a couple of weeks there will be focus group to assess our opinions about how to improve
  - Fridge with fresh produce: Monroe campus
  - Request for us: to monitor little ram pantry
- Dr. Cortez will also check in with Dean of Student Affairs re: MLK month and if we can still do events
- Day of Well-Being - day to de-compress, more info coming soon



from dr cortez

## MSG Updates

- Class of 2025
  - i. Chugging along
  - ii. M3 & M4 classes will work on clinical manual/guide
- Class of 2026
  - i. Working with 2025 to update M3 transition doc
  - ii. Will talk with David/Guiliano to set up transition to clinical lectures
  - iii. ~ 8 weeks left in M3!
  - iv. Will discuss with class what kind of info/advice we would like to get from the M4s.
- Class of 2027
  - i. Finished Psych and now in dedicated Step prep! Had the CBSE yesterday and received our M3 Lottery tracks today.
- Class of 2028
  - i. Got through Marrow. A few days into anatomy portion of Movement block. [We got shirts too!!!!!!](#) < Order there
  - ii. Our class will be running the Monument Ave 10k on 4/12 (21 signed up currently)
    - 1. 4/11 "Run Into the Deans!" - OME & making race day poster
  - iii. [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/104025746/uCsENG0H](https://groupme.com/join_group/104025746/uCsENG0H)
  - iv. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/458369154024986/posts/458369984024903/>
- President (Ashley)

- i. Defer to Guiliano for treasurer update
  - ii. Working on org chart
  - iii. President spring duties: student awards & spring specialty luncheon
- Secretary (Sriya)
  - i. MSG Elections are started, we still have lots of uncontested positions to be filled so please apply if you're interested. Due this Sunday 2/2 at 11:59PM.
  - ii. Thank you to everyone who voted, here are the results
    - 1. No more CV's as part of the MSG Applications
    - 2. No more INOVA VP in the constitution
    - 3. Wellness Chair will now have voting power
    - 4. AAMC OSR Position will be
      - a. Overseen by the president
      - b. Will not have voting capabilities
      - c. Should be elected yearly for a rising M2 and M4 student
- Treasurer (GUILIANO):
  - i. Meeting with Rachel Worthington, ie Donald's replacement
  - ii. QI brainstorm to improve the reimbursement process!!! **WOOO**
    - 1. Money4Everyone Committee (**Place your name below to join!!!**)
      - a. Darian Kaviani (M1) 703.629.0486, [kavianidz@vcu.edu](mailto:kavianidz@vcu.edu)
      - b. Lauren Leung (M1) 9252128203, [leungl2@vcu.edu](mailto:leungl2@vcu.edu)
      - c. Muqet Ahmad (M2), 301-549-0393, [ahmadtm2@vcu.edu](mailto:ahmadtm2@vcu.edu)
      - d. Kayla Harley (M4), 301-928-7902, [harleyk2@vcu.edu](mailto:harleyk2@vcu.edu)
      - e. LInk tree for SIG information and MSG website
- VP Social (Muqet > Darian):
  - i. Big event coming up for spring talent show
    - 1. Potential contract for Saturday, April 5th
- VP Societies (Noelle > Lauren):
  - i. Society Cup (4/5/2025) Planning underway with society planning committee
    - 1. Forest Hill Park application approved, contract in review by financial office. Roots catering, need a photographer (M1 creative editor)
    - 2. Faculty invitations will be sent as soon as location finalized (first week of Feb)
    - 3. Will reach out to Darian/Muqet about their talent show being on the same day as Society Cup.
  - ii. New way to promote society events: incentivizing events hosted
  - iii. All society volunteer event will likely be in May
    - 1. non-perishable food drive

- iv. Spoke to Dr. Deiorio suggested incentivizing curricular tasks, possibly a role for AAMC OSR
  - 1. Not a good fit for Societies
  
- VP Student Life (Brandon >Krithika)
  - i. New SIG leader training was held yesterday - good attendance, attendance has been sent to Jasmine.
  - ii. Have reached out to Tour Guide Directors about volunteers for Second Look Day - waiting to hear back.
  - iii. Once we have all the proxies, will need to add a blurb in the Scoop about the MSG transition, so once that is finalized, let me know and I can add that in!
  
- VP Community Service (Jewel):
  - i. December MSG x Peds x SNMA Holiday Card event was a success!
    - 1. Sent ~70 cards to kids at Bellevue Elementary
  - ii. MLK Week Community Service events communicated through MSG from Office of Community Engagement
    - 1. Individual sign ups; had small, but mighty engagement!
  - iii. Please send your SIG/Society community service events my way (esp. By Societies/organizations not regularly meeting with MSG) so that I can be aware of already circulating opportunities
    - 1. Aim to CONSOLIDATE and AMPLIFY existing opportunities to decrease service overwhelm and increase group participation (per student feedback)
  
- VP of Curriculum (Divya):
  - i. No updates
  
- VP Pubs (Vanessa)
  - i. No updates
    - 1. tbd
  
- SGA Rep (Yashnoor>Akhila)
  - i. No new updates since last MSG meeting; GPSS has yet to meet this semester
  
- Wellness Committee (Anne)

- LCME Representatives (Stewart Kepper & Sonya Feeser)
  - i. Spaces brainstorm
    - 1. Card(s) that can be part of your badge w info about
      - a. Codes for student spaces
      - b. LinkTree code
      - c. IT/EMR codes for M3s
    - 2.
  - ii. Jean Wu Video to find Nelson Lounge
    - 1. We need to find it