

**MSG Meeting
March 17, 2020**

Introductions

New Business

Kendall Plageman

- [Division of Student Affairs FAQ](#) regarding Coronavirus and current state of school
- [Keep on Being Well](#)
- Hunton, Larrick, Cary St Gym all currently closed until further notice
- Student Health is open only by appointment-basis.
- RamPantry closed after Friday, March 20 until further notice.
- Office of Student Affairs still open at this time, working remotely, with more to transition to telework
- We are always looking for feedback regarding the Office of Student Affairs. Contact DSA at <dsa@vcu.edu> for more questions.

Dr. Chris Woleben

- AAMC announced recommendations for all medical schools to suspend clinical experiences until March 31.
 - M4s who were previously on rotations for graduation requirement with prior approval now also on hold
 - Currently working on finding alternative experiences for them to complete to graduate on time
- Class of 2023
 - Exam for M1s conducted online successfully, with some minor glitches
 - PCM working on alternative ways for students to practice clinical skills (e.g. Boot camp, preceptor visits, all TBD)
- Class of 2022
 - M3 year postponed 4 weeks, new starting date 5/4
- Class of 2021
 - Meeting with clerkship directors on Friday, March 20 at 8AM to discuss alternative learning opportunities that fit LCME guidelines
 - Student reps welcome to participate
 - Prometric closed through 4/15, CSEC closed through 4/13
 - SOM will be flexible with deadlines to take exams
 - Some specialties already discussing removing or being flexible with previous requirements
- Class of 2020
 - Match week
 - 95.3% match rate on Monday, currently helping students for SOAP
- Volunteer opportunities

- Sign up for VCU Childcare Co-Op, organized by the Pediatric Interest Group
 - A designated GroupMe chat called “VCU Childcare co-op” to dispense information
 - Please email <vcuchildcarecoop@gmail.com> with your **NAME & PHONE NUMBER** so you can be added to the group chat if you are interested in volunteering.
- Other opportunities are in works and will be announced soon.
- Again we want to emphasize the importance of social distancing to be responsible and prevent the spread of the disease
 - Current university guideline is to avoid large groups of more than 20 people, and to keep more than 6 feet between each other.
- Questions
 - Are students allowed on MMEC?
 - As of 3/19, senior VCU leadership has asked for all students to remain off campus, including access to MMEC and all clinical areas, for the foreseeable future.
 - Are M1s allowed to return home?
 - It will not be for at least another 2-4 weeks before students can reconvene
 - It is safe for students to go home
 - Those with individual circumstances should reach out to the deans in the Curriculum Office.
 - What is being done to keep MMEC safe and clean?
 - The usual daily cleaning has now increased to 3 times a day.
 - Hand sanitizer stations are more frequently checked and replaced
 - Following VCU guidelines, all non-essential personnel are to work from home
 - Majority of staff at SOM are working from home, with some people in the office
- The school will try its best to be transparent and communicative with information.

MSG Updates

- a. Class Updates
 - i. Class of 2023 -
 - 1. Uworld discount was a success and discount codes were sent out for 132 students.
 - 2. Finished GI Anatomy today and everything will be remote from now on.
 - ii. Class of 2022 -
 - 1. Step1 Deadline was March 6, so the majority have completed Step 1!
 - 2. M3 Orientation postponed indefinitely
 - iii. Class of 2021
 - 1. Last M3 rotations suspended with 3 weeks left
 - 2. Step 2 CS and CK both suspended for the next 30 days

3. New joint recommendation from LCME and AAMC: all students off from clinical sites for at least next two weeks
- iv. Class of 2020 - MATCH DAY/WEEK
 1. Events this week canceled
- v. INOVA
 1. Priority currently on M4s and graduation
 2. Deans to update students soon
- b. President (Alvin)
 - i. COVID-19 changes
 1. MSG events from March - April are canceled
 2. Possible use of MSG funds for hand sanitizer/wipes for MMEC
 3. Governor's Dinner
 - a. Postponed, new date TBD
 - b. Will work with Anita Navaro at a later time
 - ii. Constitution changes - online voting
 1. Will vote on them next meeting or the one after
 - iii. Possible gifts for the Curriculum Office as tokens of appreciation after the current situation
- c. Secretary (Katherine)
 - i. Next MSG Meeting on **Tuesday, April 7**
 - ii. Applications released on Friday, March 20 and due **Friday, April 3 by 11:59PM**
 - iii. CV and application required to run
 - iv. A short speech and interview by MSG cabinet required for the contested positions, at the April MSG meeting at 5PM via Zoom
 - v. Interview first followed by the regular meeting
 - vi. Voting to take place after MSG meeting
 - vii. New cabinet holds their first meeting on May 5
- d. Treasurer (Dani)
 - i. Working on current budget, going through past events that were funded by MSG
 - ii. Possible re-allocation of student social event budget to COVID related needs e.g. handwipes, etc
 1. If you have suggestions please email Alvin Chang <changaj2@vcu.edu> or the MSG <medstudentgovernment@gmail.com>
- e. VP Social (Akshay)
 - i. Trivia night on hold for now
- f. VP Student Life (Divya)
 - i. Student Leadership and Staff Excellence Award selection on hold due to COVID-19
 - ii. Most events canceled at this time
 - iii. Scoop to resume
- g. VP Societies (Emma)
 - i. Buckley Bowl canceled
 1. Was able to receive refund for everything

- 2. Budget to be allocated to next year's Buckley Bowl
 - ii. Plan for pins meant to be given out on Honors Day TBD
 - iii. Society T-shirts (for Class of 2023) to be given this fall
- h. VP Community Service (Chuck)
 - i. Working on setting up volunteering opportunities with VDH, Red Cross, and RBHA
 - ii. More information to come
- i. VP Publications (Yena)
 - i. Website update for COVID19 resources and information
 - ii. Will update PAL program details on site
- j. VP Curriculum (Komal)
 - i. No Curriculum Updates
 - ii. Introducing Corinne Karch as the new PALs Student Leader!
 - iii. Per Corinne - ~30 M3s have signed up to be PAL tutors
 - iv. PAL tutoring to resume via Zoom
 - v. Curriculum Council to meet on Friday - updates to come
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Everett)
 - i. Working on Student Funding Bill
 - ii. Please contact Everett re: Q's on joining RamsConnect, registering student orgs
- l. Wellness Committee (Wei-Li and Kalissa)
 - i. No updates