

**MSG Meeting
May 5, 2020**

Introductions

New Business

- **Dr. Reuban Rodriguez**
 - Thanks to all the executives for the leadership in the past few weeks, looking forward to working with the new board
 - The VCU Board of Visitors are meeting this Friday online to establish tuition and fees for next year
 - If interested, please join us [HERE](#)
 - Please view pg 20 of BOV [budget](#) regarding tuition and fees for FY21
 - Information for the federal CARES Act funding now available [here](#)
- **Dean Kendall Plagemen**
 - Student Health Insurance
 - A working group of faculty, staff and students is reviewing plans, led by Dr. Klink.
 - The goal is to identify an affordable plan for students that meets their needs.
 - If a reasonable plan is identified, the goal is to offer it for the Fall 2021
 - University Counseling Service
 - Currently providing telehealth services to all enrolled students located within the U.S. until the end of the semester.
 - At the end of the spring semester we will continue to provide initial assessments (RAM's) and brief individual therapy via telehealth (Zoom/phone) to students located within the state of Virginia.
 - Students living outside of Virginia can receive case management consultations to help them find a local clinician.
 - Crisis services will remain available for all students.
 - Services provided during the summer semester are available to students enrolled in summer credits as well as students who intend to be enrolled for the fall semester.
 - Students can contact UCS at 804-828-6200 during business hours.
 - Mental Health Care Packet available [here](#)
 - Friday Drop-in Lunch Hour at 12-1PM with the Dean of Student's Office
 - All MCV students are welcome
 - Join us [HERE](#)
 - For Parenting Students
 - The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is working on an initiative to offer childcare for students trying to balance full-time school with children at home.
 - If interested in collaborating, please contact us <kwplageman@vcu.edu>.

- **Dr. Chris Woleben**
 - Class of 2024
 - The whole class is set! Deans have been in communication with them
 - May have some virtual meetings with current students to talk about experiences; will reach out to the current student in the next few weeks
 - Currently planning to start the new M1 class on time, at the end of July but have contingency plans such as virtual orientation
 - Class of 2023
 - Class averages have been higher than past exams since virtual courses started, M1s will finish their year in ~2 weeks
 - Working on developing with the Department of Health to have students involved with contact tracing over summer break since research will not be possible for many students; more information to come next week or so
 - Class of 2022
 - Non-clinical element of family medicine clerkship has now begun
 - Telehealth and non-clinical aspect of Pediatrics to follow until mid-June
 - Current goal is to have rising M3s back around mid to late June.
 - The school is working to ensure sufficient PPE supply for student safety
 - Modules in works on PPE don/donoff
 - Questionnaire/attestation on student health prior to returning to clinical settings,
 - Collab with other MCV schools to develop guidelines regarding COVID-19 and student health
 - Will give at least 2 weeks, hopefully 1 month, of advanced notice on when students can return
 - aware that covid is gonna be with us throughout, and working on guidelines in place as students may run into covid during their training; how far we do the non clinical part of clerkships will depend on when students can safely return;
 - Class of 2021
 - Current goal is to have rising M4s back around early to mid-June; students will be notified at least 2 weeks (hopefully 4 weeks) in advance.
 - Looking at creating 2 week experiences focused on various specialties in addition to traditional 4 week clerkship, starting a dedicated committee within next week
 - ERAS deadline most likely delayed for 4 weeks, the potential date is 10/15 or 10/21
 - Step 2 planning
 - still hoping NBME will let us administer step 2 exams on campus, waiting for final details
 - NBME recently sent a survey asking for schools' IT contacts, a hopeful sign that NBME is moving forward with that plan

- CS - NBME is ramping up testing capacities and is also looking to create regional testing centers (may be in the form of a designated medical school in each state/region)
 - AAMC is working very closely with the select early match specialties for an updated timeline
 - Changing the AI requirement so that instead of having 1 ward and 1 critical care, students would have 1 AI requirement, to choose among ward vs critical care vs even a combo of both; we will adjust the clinical and non clinical elective length accordingly, to ensure capacity
 - We're not accepting any away students, to prioritize our students; this will apply to a lot of medical schools across the country, but there is no confirmed guidelines on away rotations at this time
 - We don't currently anticipate M4 year to be lengthened
 - Class of 2020
 - Graduation this Friday
 - Working on ways to get the graduates back on campus for individual hooding ceremony for pictures, as well as a 5 year reunion for the actual ceremony
 - Overall the deans appreciate the patience from the students, despite the frequent changes in policies and curriculum, and will continue to best optimize your education

MSG Updates

a. Class Updates

- i. Class of 2023
 1. Finished two exams yesterday, higher class averages
 2. VPs had a game night event yesterday, planning a end of the year bash to wrap up the first year of med school
- ii. Class of 2022
 1. starting core curriculum for family medicine through aquifer cases; taking FMcases exam in 2 weeks
 2. Followed by telehealth block, then peds is next core block with its associated shelf.
 3. Working with Dr. Woleben to demystify the current situation for class
 4. Class election was
- iii. Class of 2021
 1. Dealing with Step 2 delays, Prometric cancellations
 2. Class rank task force to determine how to minimize impact of COVID grade changes
 3. Waiting on further direction from AAMC/ERAS and school for how residency cycle and aways may be affected (NSGY has already released changes to cycle nationally - no aways)

- 4. Students are doing online elective classes
- iv. Class of 2020
 - 1. Using funds for class gifts
 - a. Working on to see if funds from Alumni Fund set aside for Match Day can be designated for scholarship on the behalf of the class
- v. INOVA
 - 1. Town Hall next Monday to discuss current situation
- b. President (Alvin)
 - i. MSG budget usage
 - 1. Will set up a meeting w Dr. Woleben, email us if you are interested in the discussion
 - 2. Masks for students
 - a. Looking into reusable cloth masks
 - b. Main contacts: Youssef, Alvin, Dani
 - c. VCU SOM logo on masks not likely to save \$ and resources
 - d. Priority is to get as many masks as possible, hopefully 2 masks/person
 - e. Possible alternative ways to find other kinds of PPE for students
 - 3. Charging Stations in MMEC or scholarship also suggested
- c. Secretary (Katherine)
 - i. Election
 - 1. Voting form to be sent out Tuesday night, May 5
 - 2. Voting form closes Sunday, May 10 at 11:59PM
 - 3. Results to be announced before the end of next week
 - 4. Transition can begin after quarantine ends
 - ii. Reminder to send me your sign outs for your officer position!
- d. Treasurer (Dani)
 - i. [Budget](#)
- e. VP Social (Akshay)
 - i. No updates
- f. VP Student Life (Divya)
 - i. Scoop will continue to be sent out every Wednesday
- g. VP Societies (Emma)
 - i. No updates
- h. VP Community Service (Chuck)
 - i. MRC looking into contact tracing over the next few weeks, asking for volunteers, prioritizing volunteer safety
- i. VP Publications (Yena)
 - i. None
- j. VP Curriculum (Komal)
 - i. PALs (Corinne)
 - 1. Case Review Sessions for Family Medicine (4 cases/session, 10 sessions total)

- 2. Repro
 - a. 2 TA's, 10 other tutors
- k. MSG SGA Representative (Everett)
 - i. None
- l. Wellness Committee (Wei-Li and Kalissa)
 - i. Stories of Hope and Resilience Panel over Zoom this Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30pm
 - ii. [RSVP here](#) and Zoom link will be sent via email