

# Polity General Body Meeting Minutes - February 11th, 2020

## Agenda:

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum. 14 voting members
2. Reading and approval of the January 2020 GBM + Executive Session meeting minutes – approved 14
3. Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. February 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> TIPS – Functional Medicine
      1. Lloyds for lunch at 12
      2. Come learn about functional health
    - ii. February 28<sup>th</sup> – Russell Salvatore
      1. Looking for 40-50 students to attend
    - iii. February 29<sup>th</sup>
      1. Mixer with the Pharmacy Students at Rec Room
  - b. Vice-President
    - i. Budget
      1. Inclusive Formal with all the perks
      2. Look out for an email
    - ii. Holiday Valley for tubing event – 2 days after formal – more fun event
      1. Fundraiser
      2. Revenue event
      3. Snow tube
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. Tax Exemption – how long could this process take? Once that it was pitched that we approach this on our own they have
      1. Who will be signing the power of form in attorney?
        - a. That's the person that signs as our lawyer – do we need one?
          - i. If a treasurer signs this, then this person represents us in court
      2. Balance sheet
        - a. SBI was cut before an audit was produced
        - b. FSA is in the process of getting an audit
      3. Mitch – It could be a whole other year of being tax exempt – do we want to look into what we even need into getting tax exempt ourselves
        - a. Don't trust them at their words – it could be another \$15 to 20k
        - b. Daniel – we still need to answer these questions if we do need to go down the road of by ourselves
          - i. Obviously it would be easier to go through FSA

4. Maria – theres legal representation that students can get from the law school – can we get a meeting from them and have one of them
    - a. Its probono
  5. Tyler – when will the audit be done this year
    - a. Daniel – we have auditors on campus but we don't know when it would be finished
    - b. We still need past information from SBI – not Daniel alone
    - c. Professional Service – not unfeasible for a layer, but we just don't have experience with that
- d. Secretary
- i. Referendum with elections
    1. Money that we have saved - net asset is \$100,000? Now its \$20,000
      - a. Gets rolled in the year
      - b. In case that referendum is not passed, there's enough money
      - c. But if we don't do that we're completely depleting the funds that we've saved - it's important
      - d. Without these funds, won't have events.
  - ii. Clubs with limited spots at events for one date events (i.e. not monthly shadowing)
    1. *How to Improve – make it a lottery system (like how STIM has signs up for Dinner @ Dean Cain's)*
4. Class Updates
- a. 2020
    - i. *Match day is brewing – interviews are over – rank lists are due feb 26<sup>th</sup> and some of us are still on rotations*
    - ii. *Traveling on the world*
  - b. 2021
    - i. *On 3a – have a shelf coming up – finding a place for*
  - c. MD/PhD
    - i. *Match day for those at the end of the haul*
    - ii. *Used polity funds for big ditch – really appreciate it*
    - iii. *Everyone is fine*
  - d. 2022
    - i. *Psych exam Friday*
    - ii. *\$32 were raised – pong tournament*
  - e. 2023
    - i. *Finished immune and micro starting heme*
    - ii. *Gala lighthouse*
5. Committee Updates  
(Phase 1)

- Talked about embryology – not enough in first two years for step1
- All of the modules get a little bit throughout
  - Module leaders are thinking about creating a site on blackboard with embryology slides
    - So m1-m4 can access
    - M4 – probably wouldn't look at it
- Talked about curriculum redesign task force
  - M1s should apply
- Course directors – do they need to be there for every lecture?
  - Supervise for now

## Phase 2

- Advanced medicine
- Micro-credential thing – interprofessional education
- Have patient care tasks in the hospital
- Talking about starting peer-peer evaluations – piloted in block 4 – criticism
- Step 2 – mean avg was 244 for class of 2020, national avg was 243 - 2 people failed, 209 is passing for step 2, and percentiles are shifted upwards
- Clerkships passports – starrng something if you've been trying to do something and you haven't been able to do that – so you don't have to do that
- Curriculum Committee,
  - Med700 – surgical clerkship
    - Get data to look at how step 2 corresponds to shelf – going to look into that to identify areas of weakness – how important are didactics vs clinical grades
    - Really dedicated to making medicine be learned well
  - CC Redesign
  - OSR
    - Conference is on march 24-29<sup>th</sup> sending out a short survey to see if the student body is interested
    - If choose, Parent's Council, Webmaster, Gold Humanism, FSA
- Appeals Committee
  - The way students are appointed for this committee
  - Because of the sensitive nature of the committee students should have a better idea of what they are getting into, and what is involved
  - Dr. Marshall would like to make sure that students are more educated and informed prior to the committee

- o Class of 2023 does a spreadsheet to make sure discussion with the deans is appropriate
  - o Discussion with the Deans is open to everyone in the class
6. Club Updates
  7. Old Business
  8. New Business
    - a. MEERI Q&A with Dr. Meka
      - i. General MEERI Advisory Group – Group that meets quarterly – have students for that
      - ii. New program launched – just added student reps to
        1. Open to new suggestions
      - iii. MEERI program is part of MEERI
        1. Moments of excellence and education recognition and inspiration
        2. The more we highlight the work of professors that work and forward that to the resident or faculty, copying their division chief, chair, director of residency program, Dr. Lesse, Dr. Milling, and Dean Cain
          - a. Everyone thanks the individual for their contribution
          - b. The notes are really appreciative and helpful and encourage the individual to come in and teach new younger professors to lead educational series to teach everyone
          - c. At the end of clerkships and modules, there will be surveys and periodic reminders, as well as QR codes around
    3. Do you guys have other ideas that might help?
      - a. Tayo – Incentives – something nominal (\$5 drawing or something – to encourage people to do it)
      - b. Jenna – where can we access the link for the survey online?
        - i. For residents it's in their hub system
        - ii. For fourth years under rotation evals
        - iii. For it should be in the medhub evaluation system – there will be a link
        - iv. Jenna – could we put it on UBLearns?
          1. Erika – Under Updates on UB Learns
        - v. Emily – is there anyway to just add it under MedHubs?
          1. Dr. Meka – medhub is not anonymous but these are anonymous
      - c. Erika – what about the newsletter?
        - i. Bobby – yup
    4. Dr. Meka – there's a place on the website with quick tips on how to acquire higher order learning/thinking – great for instant learning for teachers/professionals
    5. March 6 is MEERI Day

- a. Broken it up so that people can come to one-3 or all of the sessions
  - b. There's two workshops
    - i. 830-930 there's going to be one workshop session but with 2 or 3 offerings
      - 1. Active learning
      - 2. Or different strategy
    - ii. Afternoon – 3 amazing speakers coming
      - 1. Dr. Hilliard Jason – UB Alum
        - a. One of the first graduates to finish MD and EDD from Buffalo
        - b. Started programs at Ohio state university
        - c. Known internationally!
      - 2. David Hersh
        - a. Known for longitudinal integral clerkships (LICs)
          - i. Developing relationship and longitudinal learning
          - ii. He stresses the importance of relationships and their impact on learning
          - iii. Start academy of medical educators
          - iv. Faculty and residents come together to discuss what they
      - 3. Dr. Woods – education scientist at University of Toronto
        - a. How can we collaborate
  - c. At the end of the day – each will lead a workshop.
6. Request – If you have seminar suggestions for MEERI – share them! we should demonstrate what we're most proud of
  - a. What's the most important thing you've learned and what you wish
  - b. What are you most proud of? And what do you wish others were most proud of?
    - i. Doesn't have to be specific to education, or different opportunities or anything
  - c. Proposals – a student workshop
- b. *New Club Proposal – ENT*
  - i. *Would be beneficial for students interested in ENT – mentorship, research*
  - ii. *Provide the initial exposure for students*
  - iii. *Provide mentorship and research opportunities*
  - iv. *Provide journal clubs and skill workshops*

- v. *Were able to get Dr. Sherris and Dr. Miller to be faculty advisors*
- vi. *ENT physician preceptors – will be a part in shadowing*
- vii. *To gauge interest in the student body*
- viii. *Initial Interest Meetings – over 30 students attended*
  - 1. *Interest group meetings*
  - 2. *resident panel dinner*
  - 3. *Skills workshop –*
- ix. *Possible involvement –Rrhinofest – residents from all over the world learn about skills – the faculty advisors – held every other year – paid for by the department*
  - 1. *Promoting women surgery subspecialties – collaborating with DoctHERS*
- x. *Want to start a shadowing program in May – would divide the work into 5 chairs – chair of women surgery, network and residency, events, communication, and outreach*
- xi. *Don't need a lot of money*
- xii. *The organization was inducted into Polity with a \$300 budget – 14 voting members*

## 9. Adjournment