

Polity General Body Meeting January 14th, 2020

Agenda:

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum. –
 - a. 19 voting members present at start of meeting – quorum matched
 - b. 2 voting members walked in later – 21 voting members total
2. Reading and approval of the November 2019 meeting minutes – 19 yay 0 nay
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President –
 - i. Bagel Drop happening next month
 - ii. Career & Specialty Speed Networking – look out for the email on that
 - iii. Russell Salvatore is coming to the school on Valentine’s Day to check out the lounge
 1. Email Jenna if you want to be in that small group that meets him
 - iv. Financial Seminar going to happen again
 - b. Vice-President
 - i. Spring Formal – dates March 6 – looking at venues – updates on that later
 - ii. Winter Fundraiser – poll in late November – it was decided on Winter Sports
 1. Some ideas include curling
 2. Open to suggestions
 3. Planning for February
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Tax Exemption – no word on update of getting it this year – seems like its not going to be granted this year – keep that in mind as you continue purchasing
 - ii. Tom Vane – new rep at Student Life has helped us to find us an auditor for \$2000 (that’s really cheap!)
 - iii. SBI closing down allowed for a disbursement fund (around \$8000) to be handed back to us – that will be reallocated appropriately
 - d. Secretary
 - i. *Sweatshirt and Jacket sale quite successful – great feedback on the mugs and crewnecks*
 1. *Few people haven’t picked it up*
 2. *Going to send out a final pick up time*
 - ii. *Elections are coming up*
 1. *Call for Polity E-board will be sent out January 24th*
 2. *We’ve held Polity E-board Noontime Info Sessions – one more left on January 28th*
 3. *E-board elections will be held first week of February*
4. Class Updates
 - a. 2020

- i. *Some optho classmates matched today (4 out of 4 matched!)*
 - ii. *Uro- matches Friday*
 - iii. *Rank list opens January 15 but its not due till Feb 26th*
 - iv. *Interview season is mostly over.*
 - v. *March 20th – match day*
 - b. 2021
 - i. *Relaxed, refreshed, recharged – just got out of intersession – got back into Block 3a*
 - ii. *Lottery for next year – people are concerned*
 - iii. *Started to look at Match Day places for a bigger size – Historically done at Pearl St.*
 - c. 2022
 - i. *2 class reps are hosting the charity ping pong tournament – 20% of proceeds will go to a charity – they’re thinking Lighthouse*
 - d. 2023
 - i. *Immunology – quality of life is higher*
 - ii. *Bowling tournament coming up soon!*
- 5. Committee Updates
 - a. Phase 1
 - i. Meeting in December to review what was talked about in November – test error form that Dr. Meka and Shanique are working on (already implemented)
 - 1. Course Director Schedule – more for faculty
 - a. What timeline they should be following
 - b. Phase 2
 - i. Interprofessional Education & Badges you can receive
 - 1. You can get online badges for completing online courses from interprofessional education – something you can put on your residency applications
 - ii. Peer to peer evaluations – if you’re in a 3rd year rotation or Sub-I you can use that feedback from one another to help – but not to be incorporated into grades
 - iii. Incorporating more training for sign out – it’s great that case presentations are being included in CPM II – now they’re considering sign-out (not enough preparations, important for sub-I’s)
 - c. Curriculum Committee
 - i. Met last Tuesday to discuss having the curriculum redesigned – there’s now a task force (6 student reps on it, MD/PhDs and 3rd years – only want students that are going to be here next year, and faculty)
 - d. OSR
 - i. If anybody has projects or updates that wants to send out for other medical schools – contact OSR because they can put you in contact with the other medical schools
 - ii. Survey about budgeting strategies for rotations

- e. Parent's Council
 - i. Refer to Bagel Drop in Presidents' note
- f. Webmaster – not present
 - i. Discussion was had on
 - 1. Limited communication with STIM
 - 2. Revamping Polity website with STIM
- g. FSA
 - i. Refer to Treasure's note
- 6. Club Updates
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Constitutional Amendment from November 2019
 - i. Derek and Tayo suggested that the modification of Article VII, Section II, Part 2 proposed in the Constitutional Amendment be its own "independent line" to Article VII, Section II, Part 2, [b].
 - 1. Suggestion was motioned to be approved as the final constitutional amendment to be voted on.
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Motion approved – 21 yay 0 nay
 - ii. No further discussion points were made.
 - 1. Motion to approve constitutional amendment.
 - a. Seconded.
 - b. Motion approved – 21 yay 0 nay.
 - iii. Approved.
- 8. New Business
 - a. *New Club Proposal – PASS*
 - i. *Started because both Daniel and John are married and have kids – realized there's no official support mechanism – everyone's medical school experience is crazy – at the minimum just be there for each other – started talking about supports*
 - ii. *There's a lot of non-traditional students – a lot more married couples – it would be nice to have a support system – get opinions from upperclassmen on when might be a better time to do certain things*
 - 1. *Pros and cons of when its good to have kids and not – "there's no good time to have kids in medical school" but there's good times and there's better times*
 - iii. *Sent out multiple emails school-wide and were able to reach out to a few students*
 - 1. *They created a support system for each other – being able to get themselves together for fun events and for times they need help*
 - iv. *Want to foster success – something that's beneficial for all*
 - v. *Events*
 - 1. *Stress Relief Events– bring your kids to the atrium!*
 - 2. *Educating colleagues*

3. *Talking to faculty about how they managed their professional medical lives with having a family*
- vi. *Started to work on a subsidized daycare system by UB*
 1. *Medical students don't have time or money and so working on a system with some amount of contribution to subsidize medical students and residents would be a great recruiting tool for the UB Residency programs*
- vii. *Want to become a Polity club because they want to be an official organization that's recognized by the school*
 1. *Will allow for legitimacy when aiming for new initiatives (i.e. subsidized daycare)*
- viii. *\$300 for refreshments – before today students spent out of pocket*
 1. *Additionally, for any future fundraising efforts they'll need some amount of seed money before raising*
- ix. *There's been interest from other upperclassmen but difficult to coordinate schedules*
- x. *How can traditional students be involved?*
 1. *Not restricted to being married or have kids*
 2. *Some members are in serious relationships and that's important*
 3. *Dinner at Dr. Marshall's – the physicians discussed navigating all of their medical training while raising their children*
- xi. *Motion to approve PASS as a Polity club.*
 1. *Seconded.*
 2. *Motion approved – 21 yay 0 nay.*

9. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.