

Polity General Body Meeting November 12th, 2019

Agenda:

1. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum. - 12
2. Reading and approval of the October 2019 meeting minutes - approved
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. TIPS
 1. Dr. Levy
 2. Lloyds
 3. Thursday at 12pm room 2213A+B
 - ii. Pre-Med Counselors with Dean Marshall
 1. If you're in a club come talk to the counselors – you'll be representing UB and why we're awesome
 - b. Vice-President
 - i. Winter Formal is this Friday 7pm-12am
 - ii. Made a few grand \$\$\$
 - iii. Atrium @ Rich's
 - iv. Bring you ID!
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Carrie Woodrow still working on tax exemption
 - ii. We've made a couple thousand off of formal
 - iii. Audit Process is occurring right now
 1. SBI used to pay it, or we might have to do it through FSA
 2. Part of the operating fees for class of 2020 polity eboard, they audited in the spring – it was hands off with sbi
 3. Reach out to fsa – how much would an audit would cost if not by
 4. Audit Process is making sure that our purchases were kept in check, embezzling money.
 - d. Secretary
 - i. Sweatshirt
 1. Really annoyed
 - ii. *December Polity Meeting*
 1. *December 3*
4. Class Updates
 - a. 2020
 - i. Block E – nice easy rotation, heavy interview season (now until Dec/Jan)
 - ii. Pioetreck and Richa are heading the yearbook
 - iii. Match Day – maria is leading it
 - iv. Gold Humanism plans the match day retreat
 - b. 2021
 - i. Holiday Party planned for December 14

- 1. Tax Exemption not in
 - ii. Block IIB – Medicine and Surgery people
 - iii. No shelf this week unless you're in neuro
 - iv.
 - c. 2022
 - i. Finished pulm, now on neuro, no test yet so everyone is happy
 - ii. Last week we had IP day – soho night with the first years
 - 1. Spooky themed mixer
 - iii. Send out a questionnaire about a ping pong tournament
 - iv. Weekly newsletter with the first years
 - d. 2023
 - i. OSR and CC members
 - ii. We've had discussion with deans
 - 1. Wellness space on campus – space and money
 - 2. Ad hoc committee?
 - a. Napping stations
 - b. Treadmill working stations
 - c. Dr. Mishra
 - d. Food waste and packaging
 - e. Working with the Wellness Committee
 - 3. Fellowship and Scholarship Writing Committee
 - 4. Writers Workshop
 - iii. Block III in Anatomy
 - iv. Pharmacy president of the first year class – holding a mixer with them in two Fridays
 - 1. Low key
 - 2. Mitsuoto Chow's
 - v. Interdepartmental mix – without making it too rigid – spring
 - vi. Friends of the Night people
 - 1. Working with
5. Committee Updates

(Phase 1, Phase 2, Curriculum Committee, OSR, Parent's Council, Webmaster, Gold Humanism, FSA, Winter Formal Planning Committee)

 - a. Phase I
 - i. Safe-zone training
 - 1. Language use
 - 2. Different types of stereotypes
 - ii. Parents calling –
 - 1. Be respectful of students
 - 2. Module leaders, block
 - iii. Avg for step 1 – 236
 - 1. Top 25% did 240+
 - 2. No national data
 - b. Phase II

- i. All students will be required to log stuff on MedHub for all clerkships by the Monday after shelf at 5pm – otherwise will get U – cracking down to get logging environment
 - 1. Productive change
 - 2. Gives students time to finish up extra
 - ii. All shelves in the afternoon – morning off if you have 6-weeks
 - 1. People with local exams (medicine and surgery) in the morning
 - iii. Clerkship passport for each clerkship
 - 1. Piece of paper that you'll get initials on, for people that will be supervising
 - a. 2 h&ps – they want it for each clerkship, supervisor signing off on what you're doing on the moment, and they want to standardize this for all clerkships – those will get the same deadline as everything else.
 - 2. Dr. Freir's retiring
 - a. The ethics course is going to be led by each of the clerkship directors?
 - b. Looking for people to spearhead
 - i. Academic background on ethics
 - iv. MSP by Dr. Manyon
 - 1. Fits it into your dean letter 4th year
 - 2. They copy paste what goes in and there's an opportunity to challenge some comments – our evaluators don't realize that this is going into a dean's letter
 - a. So it's good that this is getting an extra look
 - v. Shanique is working on more
- c. CC
- i. MSQ – good to see a positive change
 - ii. Don't need a curriculum change
 - iii. We have new members
 - iv. Kelsey Gibson, new first year rep
 - v. Talked about step 1
 - vi. M2 on Pulm
 - 1. Broader conversation with what is wrong with phase 1 exams
 - 2. Students were shocked by the time constraint about step style questions
 - 3. Interviewing assessments officer
 - 4. Results of that survey
 - 5. Some questions were not weaved into the exam properly – Dr. Sethi
 - 6. Some question sizes are not appropriately introduced earlier
 - vii. NBME
 - 1. As they retire more questions, nbme is becoming a lot more representative of step as the questions become longer

- viii. Accepted new electives
 - 1. Ortho ORS 800–
 - a. More ortho from a family medicine perspective, so it's appropriate
 - b. Catered to 3rd or 4th years or if they're not sure if that's a week that they're interested in
 - c. 4-weeks
 - d. No prerequisites
 - e. Imaging
 - f. ORS
 - 2. Surgical subspecialties have not been entirely scrapped
 - 3. Culinary Elective happened last year. Happening again this year.
- d. OSR
 - i. They were just at the AAMC conference
- 6. Club Updates
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
 - a. Constitutional Amendment
 - i. Reema's comment
 - 1. Based on events in the recent months, it seemed that there needed to be more accountability for the candidates that are running for executive board positions.
 - ii. Richa:
 - 1. Vetting process
 - a. Are people aware of the responsibilities?
 - b. They should come to a certain number of meetings
 - i. Making a policy
 - ii. Creating an environment
 - iii. Jenna
 - 1. Our elections are laxed
 - 2. We can have an Education Seminar about polity e-board
 - 3. Reps Shouldn't have to be involved in polity first year –
 - 4. Involved people are involved – and there are a lot of people
 - 5. Nice amendment
 - iv. Joe
 - 1. Daniel – both good and bad. Might need some tweaks
 - a. If someone runs unopposed without knowing what they don't know what entails
 - b. Agree with richa that you at least attend polity meetings – it's the responsibilities of the student of what you're getting into
 - 2. Tyler – gives people that are shy and want to do this an opportunity
 - a. There needs to be more change for prep beforehand

- v. Richa – wait to send out a poll. Have another call.
 - a. There's a built in transition time – the month of march is supposed to be an incumbent time.
- vi. Becca
 - 1. Student choice is a really important point of this process
 - 2. To tyler – for people to select an option from multiple candidates
 - a. Didn't have a choice
 - b. May insult initially
- vii. Joe
 - 1. If no one runs after two calls, you can't force students to run
 - 2. Avoiding conflictions, if 5 people are running for president, perhaps they should be advised to run for different positions.
 - a. Tayo – having some sort of election committee
 - i. You should be required to have a number of signatures
- viii. Richa -
 - 1. Candidates should be attending meetings or be involved .
- ix. Alex
 - 1. In support of Second call
 - 2. In response to first years – hope that they reach out to current e-board members.
- x. Daniel
 - 1. There's not enough time for the transition this year, but perhaps implement these suggestions of students having to attend meetings, etc. for the 2020-2021 school year
- xi. Tayo
 - 1. Google form and doc
- xii. Bobby
 - 1. 2 would be a good number of call's
 - a. Going to one meeting should be sufficient– it shouldn't be implemented for the candidates.
 - 2. Jenna: pushing the dates back, once the candidates are elected, they should be allowed to shadow
 - a. Irrespective of the amendment
 - b. Host 2/3 education seminars
 - c. Encourage people to join.

9. Meeting Adjournment