

**Dalhousie Medical Students' Society****Meeting Agenda for 2013-04-04****18:00 – 20:30**

Halifax Location: Room 2L7, Tupper Building

Saint John Location: Room 105, UNB Saint John

Attendance: Leo, Chris, Luke, Jocelyn, Haley, Kyle, MaryBeth, Jeremy, Joe, Bob, Maggie M, Farhan, Matty, Jocelyn, Jennie, Alex, Will, Rachel

Regrets: Jennifer Doane, Joanne Reid, Dustin Conrad, Jon LeClerc, Maggie Lovett, Scott Lee

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approve agenda - approved**
3. **Approve minutes of 2012-03-07 meeting ([Link](#))**
4. **Officers' reports ([Link](#))**

Additional Information:

Will VP External Sr – Point 3 Update Due to the advocating efforts of many students and the NB Medical Society the summer preceptorship program in NB has been continued!

Alex VP Education – Curriculum dates have been approved. Bellringer exam has been added in Metabolism 1 next year. UGME will not make accommodations for students to miss class to attend Everest day or Med Games next year. The OSCE for Med 2 next year will be at end of year and not in middle of Integration unit which is what is happening this year.

Joe Sports and Wellness Rep – Will try to get Dalplex memberships extended for summer.

Bob NS Rep – Business in Medicine went well – poor RSVP to turnout ratio but lots of hits on the DMSS website where info has been posted.

5. **Question period**
none
6. **New business**

- a. **Motion: Student Concerns Regarding Clerkship Renewal**

Moved: Scott Lee

Seconded: Laura Stymiest

Whereas, significant changes to the third and fourth year clerkship curriculum are soon to be implemented; and

Whereas, the class of 2015 has lost a total of 5 weeks of clinical learning, 2 in the third year, 3 in the fourth year, and 2 of which are before CaRMS;

Be it resolved, that the DMSS be in support of the document "Student Concerns Regarding Clerkship Renewal", which summarizes and voices the concerns of students and provides suggestions to improve the proposed revisions.

Supplemental documents

- Letter to the curriculum renewal committee ([Link](#))
- Appendix B ([Link](#))

Laura: After the Curriculum retreat, we wrote this letter to address concerns that students have about curriculum changes. We hope that it represents the general opinion of our classmates in Halifax and Saint John.

Joe: Nice letter, I do support it.

Bob: Curriculum creep? What does that mean?

Laura: Is the slow progression of new curriculum without the removal of the old or outdated curriculum

Alex: The four weeks we're losing of clinical time is at the start of fourth year (2 weeks), and 2 weeks in Med 3 at Christmas time.

Bob: My thoughts are that it seems like the Med 1/2 curriculum isn't perfect and PIERS is to cover the inadequacies. While I agree with the idea of the letter, I feel we should present a solution.

Laura: Yes, I think that there will be some coverage of deficiencies from Med1/2 plus addition of new material. Some faculty have shared concerns that PIERS not organized/analyzed effectively to supplement the curriculum

Bob – A suggestion is to shorten the summer, instead of cutting in on clinical clerkship time.

Kyle – Great job in making a statement about this. Most people have spoken out about the loss the clinical time. A good approach would be to ask to have this change put off for a year. It's difficult to tell where the deficiencies are until there have been some national testing of students who have gone through the new curriculum. The first group of students to complete their education with the new curriculum will be the class of 2014, after analyzing their testing results it, the potential curriculum deficiencies would be more apparent. The regarding the suggestions that you have made to elongate clinical time; take more time to think about this and find good evidence for the changes. Your argument should be to push back a year, to give time to talk to clerkship directors and make well researched changes.

Will: I agree that it seems like it's jumping the gun to make changes, given that mine class is the first class to go through. It makes sense to me to change the current curriculum where there are deficiencies instead of taking away clinical time where students learn the most

Luke: Gaps in the curriculum can be addressed in other ways besides the classroom learning. Ie: Abx can be taught in clinic.

MaryBeth: I am speaking against passing the letter today. It is something that needs to be done, but the wording in the letter needs to be adjusted. The planning of curriculum is known more then is portrayed in

the letter. I agree that its frustration of clinical time. We are required to renew the curriculum from accreditation. The decision to make these changes was done by a committee of well informed individuals with information from across Canada. We should support a letter like this, but not the way this is done now.

Luke: Can we amend the motion to vote in favor of supporting a letter done by a committee of people including Laura, Scott, MaryBeth and Alex?

Alex: The letter brings u a lot of valid points. UGME is aware of our concerns and are open to hearing about our suggestions. We should develop a committee to make a well informed letter. And also sit down with UGME to develop a plan on how this is going to be implemented

Haley: How many people have you talked to to base the opinion of the letter of off?

Laura: We rushed the letter to have timing to get the DMSS approval. We did get feedback from 15 different people which we included in the letter.

Amdenment: BIRT that the DMSS is in support in principle "Student Concerns Regarding Clerkship Renewal", which summarizes and voices the concerns of students and provides suggestion to improve the proposed revision and that the document be retained to a committee chaired and populated by the VP Med Education

Laura: I feel that is an important point that the misinformation in letter is due to the fact that the majority of students don't have the full information. Our intend was not meant to be offensive, but we want to come across in tone as concerned. Our concern is that those that have been involved in the planning have not be transparent in the plans and have not communicated the changes to the students who will be effected by the changes.

Kyle: We will work to sharpen the tone and information, but not reduce the concern.

MaryBeth: I think it's great the way the amendment is written.

Alex: I'm in support of the motion

Laura: Timing – is there a curriculum approval scheduled for May?

Alex: Yes, we should have it done ASAP, but I don't know when it will be exactly.

Bob: Yes, this is a smart motion concerning we have the appropriate people involved.

Joe: I agree that student knowledge is poor. Can we have more information given from curriculum reps to the student body?

Amended motion is friendly.

Motion – Approved.

b. Motion: Student representation on new UGME committees

Moved: Alexandra Bishop

Seconded: Luke Richardson

Whereas, UGME has changed their current committee structure to include two new committees, the Committee on the Assessment of Student Performance (CASP) and Alignment of Curricular Content Committee (ACCC); and

Whereas, student representation is requested for CASP and ACCC;

Be it resolved, that the Curriculum Representatives from Med 1, 2 and 3 be appointed to the ACCC; and

Be it further resolved, that the VP Medical Education be appointed to the CASP.

Supplemental documents

- Committee on Assessment of Student Performance, Terms of Reference ([Link](#))
- Alignment of Curricular Content Committee, Terms of Reference ([Link](#))

Alex – This is looking to have student representation for restructured UGME committees.

Bob – Does this add hours to these roles and is it ok to add work? Does these remove work from prior?

Alex – We meet once a month for 1-2 hours. A lot of the material is repetitive so I don't recommend spreading the work load between more people. We have restructured our responsibilities a little to share the workload some. It takes some baseline knowledge of how the committees function.

MaryBeth –The new structure will have 2 curriculum reps so they can divide the workload, but will both have a baseline knowledge.

Kyle – In favor of motion. They will have an important role and responsibility – getting up to speed on the topics discussed is a big commitment and having a continuous exposure to these committees is important.

Will – This opportunity to sit on the committees is a big deal – some other education groups do not have this chance so we need to recognize its importance.

Motion - Approved

c. Motion: Funding for food and drink for the mock OSCE

Moved: Leo Fares

Seconded: Luke Richardson

Whereas, the mock OSCE provides an invaluable learning experience for second year medical students; and

Whereas, the execution of this event requires numerous volunteers in both Halifax and Saint John

Be it Resolved, that the DMSS contribute \$200 towards the purchase of food and drink for the mock OSCE on May 5th.

Leo: This has been done in the past so there is a precedence

Motion - Approved

d. Motion: Medical lounge phone*Christopher Green**Luke seconds the motion*

Whereas, there is a telephone line within the medical lounge currently paid for by MedIT; and

Whereas, MedIT would like to either turn the cost of this line over to the DMSS or cancel the service;

Be it Resolved, that the DMSS agrees to pay the cost of maintaining this phone line (currently \$22/month, with tax).

Chris: MedIT would like to either cancel the service or have DMSS take over the cost. Not sure if anyone uses the phone.

Will: Wondering if the phone is even used?

Joe: No one uses it.

Bob: There is a payphone in the building, so it's really not necessary.

All vote against the motion - Motion does not pass.

e. Discussion: Changing Humanities Role to a Two Person Role*Haley Augustine*

Haley: We should change the role officially. It has historically been two people and it would be good to make an official decision about it.

Luke: On the DMSS we only really need one person to represent the committee on the DMSS. We are actively trying to keep the number of on the DMSS council people down.

Kyle: The person who wins the election, can do what they like with the position – including dividing the work and making a committee of people to the work of one role.

Haley: As it is now, two people are running for the role. So it's not fair to have two people run against a single person. It has been like this in the past.

Will: Haley you should be able to say that all people running need to run individually and can then divide the work after one person is elected to be the DMSS rep.

Haley: Ok.

e. Discussion: CFMS Spring General Meeting*Will Stymiest*

Will: Please let myself, Haley or Luke know if you have any concerns to be addressed at the general meeting.

Bob: Could you bring up if there are any updates on the development of a centralized database for job opportunities across the country?

Will: Sure.

Luke: The deadline is this Friday to submit items for discussion.

Will: The items will be discussed at small group or round table discussions and brought back to the individual school for discussion.

f. Discussion: Annual student financial survey

Bob Farmer

Bob: We will not be having this if no one has heard about it.

Kyle: Haven't heard of it.

Bob: Ok, never mind.

g. Discussion: PARI-MP Negotiations

Mike MacDonald

Mike – Not present.

Kyle: Salary negotiations for Dalhousie residents. PYG1 salary increased and all others have been increase accordingly. Some other secondary changes on document including extra money for call shifts.

Supplemental documents

- Message from PARI-MP President ([Link](#))
- Summary of new collective agreement ([Link](#))

h. Discussion: Website usage

Bob Farmer

Supplemental documents

- Image showing page views ([Link](#))

Bob: The website can track the usage over time. Shows that housing and research pages are highly visited. Anyone involved should take note

7. Announcements

- a. **DMSS Meeting April 18th or 11th** – Does not need to happen anymore
- b. **DMSS annual general meeting, May 2 – The medical Hall of Fame ceremony is held this night. Luke will be rescheduling the AGM.**
- c. **Grad gala – Saturday May 25th Sit down dinner followed by cash bar dance. Everyone is invited for dance. Dress nice!**

8. Adjournment
