

**SAC Meeting**  
**October 24, 2017**

**Attendance: Tyler Culpepper, Aalekhya Tenali, Jim Gorske, Macy Wilkins, Michael Pace, Matt Sebastian, Dr. Collins, Dr. Vidauretta, Ashley Jarrell**

- Motion was moved to approve minutes from last month. Motion passed.
- The meeting started by Dr. Collins asking for feedback from Committee.
- No individual reports/issues from Mat.
- Tyler also stated he had no issues/concerns to report. Dr. Collins asked Tyler to be aware of any upcoming financial issues, and to report them to her if they do start to occur.
- Michael-noted grievances associated with the preceptorship options list that was released a few hours before the lottery. This caused anxiety for MDPHD students since there was a shortage on local spots, and students did not have enough time to plan and coordinate other preceptor options. Dr. Collins will follow up with Dr. Rubin regarding this issue.
- Aalekhya- Stated that overall things are good. Students are getting adjusted and stress levels have decreased. Dr. Collins wants her to mention to her cohorts to make “responsible decisions” during the weekend.
- Macie- stated that faculty/student relations and communications have improved since last meeting. Also discussed that Fitness for Duty evaluations are the best way to determine whether a student is prepared to come back to class from medical leave. It would provide an opportunity for a more rigorous evaluation and diagnoses by an independent party to determine the health of the student to improve the student’s chance for success.
- Macie-Discusses Canvas issue and notes that it was very image heavy, had many choice options, did not load on peoples computers (or crashed them), and the system moved very slow. Some students are not fond of Canvas and want to go back to the testing center, due to the stress from Canvas not working and has created a lot of anxiety for students. Dr. Collins will follow up with Dr. Novak regarding this issue.
- **Technical Standards**-things that are not a part of the main curriculum, it puts more emphasis to allow a process of who needs accommodations to students to help students meet this requirements. Need to clarify the process, and how to access these accommodations. They want people to know/acknowledge that a part of being a professional is knowing that when you are struggling, you should reach out for help sooner rather than later.
- Dr. V is concerned by how many changes year 2 has gone through, feels that it adds to student stress, but feels like it could possibly prepare students for their 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- Dr. Collins asks, “How can we better support the classes within the COM?” and would like the committee to keep this question in mind moving forward.
- Dr. Collins is happy to meet with groups and answer questions, similar to a debriefing. Macie will discuss with her classmates and come up with a plan.