

SAC
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Tyler Culpepper, 4th year med student; Kelly Muniz, 1st year PA student, Aalekhya Tenali- MS1, Jim Gorske, Macy Wilkins, 2nd year, Michael Pace, Matt Sebastian, MDPHD, Dr. Vidauretta

- Dr. Collins introduced herself, then went around the table for committee members introductions.
- Dr. Collins wants to hear about issues amongst classmates; wants to discuss member's views on what the SAC wants to accomplish, while also discussing leadership roles.
- Matt Sebastian-discusses MDPHD student having issues getting into the building. Also mentioned an issue with a student not being allowed to shadow in the ER. Matt suggested having a policy in place to ensure this does not happen again. This issue was also brought up to Dr. Novak, Dr. Collins will follow up.
- Macie-brought up concerns regarding mistrust issues between students and faculty. A Possible cause could be how sensitive information is communicated to her class. She used the Anatomy passing grades requirement (although was reversed), as an example. Her class feels like they're not being given any "say" into what happens with the curriculum. Suggestion was to talk to class officers first, so they can deliver message to classmates. More direct and effective communication is needed.
- Tyler-more transparent you are, the more willing to accept information from students. (in regards to having an officer relay the message)
- Dr. Collins-how can we help effectively? We need to be action orientated committee. We need to find better ways to communicate change effectively.
- Tyler-identify one channel of communication (there are several), especially for official information. Put it in one place.
- Kelly-suggested using "Piazza" so all classes can see the information. The app/program sends notifications anonymously.
- Dr. Collins suggested that once a change occurs, post it on some kind of forum where people can ask questions, or give feedback. We need to address the majority of the class, making them not feel caught off guard is an important feature.
- Dr. V suggest that we need to consider timing as to when these changes are announced. Good timing is not in the week of an exam, or the Monday of the first block.
- It was also suggested that we do not make major grading changes during the year. Who should be involved in communicating the change?
- Aalekhya suggested that there needs to be more rationale in decision making
- Dr. Collins states that having students from each class on Curriculum Committee to represent the students may be helpful.
- Dr. Collins ask, "How to make that process more robust?"

- **Dr. V-brought up an issue on behalf of a 3rd year student regarding communication during Hurricane Irma. Some of the emails received from faculty during Irma were cryptic and the information wasn't being distributed to everybody. The biggest issue is about effective communication.**
- **Kelly-biggest complaint of her class is that they feel they do not have as much as a place in the building anymore. They don't have anywhere to study.**
- **Dr. Collins response, "wants first years to come up with some potential solutions to this problem ask the committee what is expected behavior in regards to sharing the rooms?"**
- **Dr. Collins-what should the leadership and purpose of this committee be? We need to define our mission.**
- **Michael-our purpose/goal for PhD students is to have an outlet, a place where people can place concerns without backlash at the administrative level.**
- **Macie-states that the purpose is for classes to bring relevant, "actionable" problems to the committee so that we can offer a solution.**
- **Kelly-how can we make the PA students more comfortable while in the HMEB? In addition, what we can do to relieve stress for the students?**
- **Alekia-agrees with Macie regarding our purpose, and feels we should bring actionable concerns to the committee for solutions, especially if it affects all of the different groups.**
- **Dr. Collins-states that the committee will construct action groups to accomplish these concerns.**
- **Also suggested rotating who facilitates the meetings and be the responsible party to make sure there is follow through and feeling the weight of the responsibility in regards to the agenda, and articulating the changes**