

6:00PM – Call for Meeting & Attendance

Guest Speakers – [None]

New Business

6:05 PM – **[Introductions]** Class of 2025 Welcome and Introductions (15 minutes)

- Arya Gaddam (fw1544@wayne.edu) - President
- Sara Kazyak ([hf4902@wayne.edu](mailto:h4902@wayne.edu)) - Vice President

6:20 PM – **[Presentation]** New Student Org: United Nations – USA WSU Chapter (20 minutes)

- Motion to approve them and give them senates recommendation of being a liaison, and clarifying their leadership and meeting structure
 - Can make a recommendation that they could serve the SOM community by helping to assess the sustainability of projects led by other orgs
 - Vote: **SUPPORTED**

6:40 PM – **[Update/Discussion]** M1 and M2 White Coat Ceremony (10 minutes)

- *Dr. Chadwell -*
 - M1/2 white coat ceremonies were cancelled due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, it was announced on Friday, 08/13
 - Student ? - Is administration exploring outdoor options? Can you help clarify some of the reasoning that went into this?
 - *Chadwell* - M2s were originally scheduled for the DSO, we had the deposit down and had it all set and then were told by the campus health committee that that was a no go so we were trying to scramble to find an outdoor location. We were exploring Meadowbrook outdoor venue by Oakland University. It was more expensive, so it took a lot of approval to get through. The Alumni Association was on board and we started the booking process, and then looked to campus health for the final approval. We were really pushing this so that we could let the class know because we knew students had family coming in from all over the country. Unfortunately, they came back with VERY restrictive parameters that basically made the event unfeasible. So we decided to go back to the drawing board. Dr. Baker, Dean Sprague, Dr. Folbey, and several other leaders were involved in this planning process and the final decision ultimately came to Dean Schweitzer and he decided to cancel. The general sentiment is hugely disappointing, but ultimately want to set a high standard of safety and responsibility as a healthcare institution. I am confident that we exhausted all of the potential options and permutations for a safe event. How are your class senates feeling about it?
 - CO 2024 - Definitely disappointed, but understanding. Are there any options for reimbursements for families that had already purchased their plane tickets?
 - *Dr. Chadwell* - If anyone needs letters from the school for flight reimbursements we can certainly provide those
 - CO 2025 - Same as CO 2024. Is there anything that you are considering in terms of families still being able to come and celebrate with us in some form?
 - *Dr. Chadwell* - while you are welcome to plan anything you want privately, we certainly can't stop you from that, they just can't be Wayne sponsored events

- *Student ?* - So why was the M1 white coat cancelled if it was already outside?
 - The health committee unfortunately put the same unfeasible restrictions on this event so the logic became the same
- *Dean Chadwell* - Our sites are currently set on March for both classes, M2s are our immediate priority at this point, but unfortunately we are not able to plan anything concrete now with the volatility of the COVID-19 situation. We are hoping for this timeline for the M2s because it is after you take STEP1 and before you transition to clerkship. A lot of schools actually normally do the white coat at this stage of transition in training. We currently have a lot of feelers out there for indoor venues. We have really good relationships with a lot of venues in Detroit so we are pretty confident that we will be able to lockdown a venue on a relatively short timeline if the COVID climate is favorable in the Spring
- *Student ?* - What are the considerations/restrictions on the event that led to the cancellation decision?
 - 100% vaccinations
 - We have no record of M1 vaccination because it wasn't mandated yet
 - Everyone masked and vaccinated, we couldn't logistically manage that in time, especially for family members
 - Spaced seating
 - The decision was made that the risk/benefit and logistics of management made the event not worth it
 - One of the restrictions was filling out the guest scanner, which filters you out if you fly, which a lot of families would be flying so that wouldn't work
- *Student ?* - so there was no way we could have an exception for any of these as a medical school?
 - We really tried, and went to the campus health committee, but the answer was no
- *Student ?* - Could you please explain who this committee is and why the medical school has to answer to them?
 - Headed by Dean Klabo (Nursing School), Dr. Rajasekaran is our medical school liaison, we also have our own medical back to campus taskforce, but everyone answers to this campus wide committee, they are the final decision makers
 - They meet every week, look at the statistics, look at the most up to date guidelines, and base their restrictions and recommendations on that
- *Student ?* - I know this is not feasible on this timeline, is there a option of a drive-in white coat?
 - We have been looking at all of that, especially with Ms. Gherardini working really hard on this. Unfortunately, after exhausting all of our alternatives, time was not on our side, but definitely something to consider as potential alternative plans for the March dates

6:50 PM – **[Discussion]** Email listserv access communication to administration (15 minutes)

- Mirna has drafted a request to administration with Exec's Input with the following requests:
 - Student body access to emailing class listservs is to be rescinded
 - Class presidents of each class senate be given access to all current class listservs to insure that Senate elections can still be run fairly and timely.
 - The executive student senate email (somsenate@wayne.edu) maintains access to all class listservs in order to send out Wayne's World
 - BSO email maintains access to all class listservs in order to send out the weekly BSO newsletter to communicate our Service Learning hours and all organization events/ times.
 - Learning community leaders also retain access because that is a different breakdown of students that crosses class years

- Note that there has already been a filter/monitor placed on class listservs, but we have no idea who is in charge of it
 - Students definitely want to know who this filter is, how the decisions are being made, and what the timeline of approval or rejection is, among more information
- Student clinics? A lot of times there will be one slot that needs to be filled urgently so we send out an email to the whole student body to try to get the slot filled so we don't have to cancel clinic and let patients down
- This is just going to shift everything to social media, which can be restrictive and unfair and dangerous as far as what gets shared
- Advocate for all student org leaders to have sending privileges in addition to those groups listed above
- Interest groups can create listservs for the students that are interested in the events that group has to offer to decrease email clutter
 - But what about orgs that don't cater to specific groups of students and host events targeted to the whole student body?
 - Honestly the email traffic has not been too bad lately
- Could we have student orgs automatically be given an email when they are approved, like the senate email?
- Unfortunately I am having Deja vu from the last 4 years I have sat on senate, we have had the same exact conversation every year, with the same exact proposed solutions, and come to the same exact conclusion that students don't want access to listserv privileges restricted. I personally am in favor of the filter, but transparency of the filter and how we can have urgency and fairness is crucial
- I think we need to be quicker about shutting off listserv access for students that have left the school, or are on leave, etc. What does this process currently look like?
- One potential solution is that sending privileges could be an "opt in" scenario instead. Students could apply for approval of listserv access instead. Alternatively, if the filter is inevitable, need rules and regulations and guaranteed sending time window so that students know what the cutoff is for their message to get out in time
- In terms of student clinics, I agree with not restricting access. However, the last few controversial mass emails that have led to this conversation have been extremely traumatic and harmful to a lot of students. I think there should be a secondary way for students to communicate, not necessarily social media, but a structured secondary system.
- So how do we move forward, when/who is finally going to make this decision after 4 years of having this exact same conversation, I think this is the year we finally need to bring all parties together including students and all administrative stakeholders to come to a definitive solution
 - We will figure out who is the "filter" and if we can get an idea of their criteria
 - We don't have specific professionalism rules for emails, there are ones for social media, so we really need to make more clear what the professionalism rules are, and what the repercussions/consequences are so that students have a reason to hesitate. For students that have already matched, consequences should also be made clear that these kinds of behaviors can be reported to their matched program
 - Yes, let's clarify this
 - Ashley K will coordinate with Dr. Brennan to get a meeting together to move forward with a solution that can be voted on

7:05 PM - **[Discussion]** Advancing Academic Excellence Committee Input (10 minutes)

- Jenna -
- This is a subcommittee of the 5-year strategic plan that is University wide

- The charge of this Advancing Academic Excellence subcommittee that I serve as the student representative on specifically is:
 - Academic excellence is at the core of our mission and reason for being. While all universities identify their academic mission as paramount, Wayne State's academic mission is unique in the diversity of students it welcomes and serves, the breadth and diversity of its faculty, the focus of its scholarship, and its R1 status
 - It is real vague because a lot of people have different ideas of what this is
- Goals:
 - **Recruit, retain, promote**, and support a diverse, world-class faculty and staff. Support and reward faculty excellence across the full mission of the university.
 - Growing our **research** impact: Continuing to expand our research impact and capacity, including addressing problems endemic to urban populations and prevalent in Detroit. Connect locally, nationally, and internationally in our research mission.
 - Expand both funded research and fellowship opportunities
 - Expanding research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.
 - Build synergies across the campus that support connections between basic and applied research and "bench to bedside" impacts
 - Strategically strengthen our **PhD programs**, pursuing training grants, centers of excellence, etc. paying particular attention to Wayne's unique role as an Urban R1
 - Attracting and retaining high quality faculty
 - Support the scholarship of teaching and pedagogical initiatives to adapt to and lead in shaping the changing landscape of higher education.
 - Consider our changing demographics, lessons learned from the pandemic to assess, evaluate and continuously improve our teaching methodologies and course and program offerings.
 - Support a robust scholarship of engagement that works with community partners locally, nationally, and internationally on the basis of equity, mutual respect, and mutual benefits
- The charge of the committee is as follows
 - Further explore and define this focus area and create goals and objectives for consideration
 - Identify key strategies for achieving the proposed goals
 - Identify any salient issues, (i.e., strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/challenges) you feel the Steering Committee should consider
 - Propose potential metrics for tracking progress
- As medical students, within the next 5 years what do you see as important and achievable goals to improve your academic excellence? Here are a few examples of thoughts the committee already has
 - Improving Diversity of Faculty to better improve educational experiences for our medical students
 - Support staff for STEP 1
 - Support for portfolios for md students
- Improve the functionality of the Graduate Programs Office to actually support and mentor students and the office of medical student research, both which have abysmal functionality at this moment
- *Student ?* - so what role are we serving at this moment?
 - Jenna is the only student on this committee and wants to advocate for us as the med students specifically, because this is a campus wide committee, so it is important to have a voice in the interest of the students at the med school
- Wayne only has one month break between pre-clerkship and clerkship, a lot of schools have more time so that students can get more research experiences
 - Also need to evaluate how Scholarly Concentrations are going because this was supposed to be a point of these to get longitudinal experience
- Does this 5-year plan also include clinical faculty?
 - Yep! This includes people from all sectors of the university, talking about both diversity in personnel, and content availability
- When there is an issue, there is often a huge lack of follow-up. I think more town halls and updates from administration would allow for much better transparency. As student senate, a lot of times we are

the only ones that get to hear the direct follow up from admin and we then, as we are allowed, share that with the student body. But think it would be better coming directly from admin

- More interprofessionalism opportunities, and improve P4
 - Wayne preaches urban excellence, but our curricular content is severely behind as far as JEDI issues, so if this could be pushed from the very very top down it would really help
- What are the metrics they are already tracking to evaluate success in this area?
 - Some of it is at the undergraduate level such a graduation rates, etc. I am actually not sure what the metrics are for the medical school. But as far as student satisfaction graduating medical school, it's currently not great. Faculty retention, not great. These are the things we will be discussing and bringing to the table
- Is part of this committee establishing definitions? Diversity, research status, etc.
 - Yes we are discussing and identifying the areas that need more clear definitions and metrics currently
- Will students be on a specific taskforce?
 - Not sure what the structure will be at this stage, but as goals are defined, there will be specific task forces put in place to address them
- Advocate for a crisis response plan at the SOM

Old Business

7:15 PM – **[Update]** Back to Campus Task Force and Townhall (5 minutes)

- Masks and vaccination requirements on campus still. Vaccine mandate goes into effect on Aug. 30th
- If you only submitted your proof of vaccination to MDHealth records, make sure you also submit it to the main campus one, not just the vaccine incentive one, that does not count as an official submission. 3 places you can submit, 2 are required for med students. You will get a hold on your record if you don't do this.
- Make this clear in WW!

7:20 PM – **[Update]** New student spaces (5 minutes)

- Making progress on updating 1328 as a student hangout space, furniture has been ordered and the layout is posted outside the room
- Still working on cleaning out the UHC study/handout/on call overflow 24hr space, will be in touch soon about more logistics, including student recruitment to help out

7:25 PM – **[Update]** Library updates (5 minutes)

- Vera P. Shiffman Medical Library will reopen to the campus community **Monday, August 23, 2021**.
- Survey about suggestions for library redesign!
 - In January 2021, Shiffman Library launched a space redesign initiative to reimagine how study spaces can be used to support the various learning preferences of our diverse student body while also supporting the Highways to Excellence curriculum.
 - They are interested in hearing from students about their experiences utilizing Shiffman Library spaces for information exploration, knowledge creation, individual study, and collaboration.
 - The short survey will run **through September 3, 2021**.
 - Please contact LaVentra E. Danuqah, Interim Director, Vera P. Shiffman Medical Library, with any questions regarding this project at laventra@wayne.edu or 313-577-9083.
 - Vera P. Shiffman Medical Library study space redesign survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TX9J5SJ>

7:30 PM – **[Reminder]** White Coat Embroidery (5 minutes)

- Working out logistics but coming really soon!
- Only \$10, 2 font options

Executive Senate Reports

7:35 PM – **[Executive Vice President]** Class of 2025 External Committee Meet and Greet (5 minutes)

- Admissions elections are already done, but the senate handles the rest of the elections during senate meetings! The applicants come and give speeches and then senate votes on the candidates to fill the external senate committee slots
- It's kind of hard for new students to understand the functions and time responsibilities on serving on these committees so in previous years, we have been hosting open houses for students to come and talk to current committee members casually to get more information
- Thinking about maybe doing this during the student org fair
 - Maybe instead, do a time that is a good time when students are on campus, but between exams
 - With new COVID restrictions it might not be great with the student org fair
 - Breakout rooms on zoom could be a great option, we do still have quite a few commuters so this would be more accessible to more students
- We will be doing OSR elections next meeting so then we can start with the external committee elections after that

Committee Reports

7:40 PM – **[Introductions]** Committee introductions for M1 students (10 minutes)

- Tabled until next senate meeting when we have the full group

7:50 PM – **[Survey]** Social event for Senate (5 minutes)

- Social event for senate once we have the full senate with M1 elections complete. Looking at something outside to be COVID conscious. Ideas?
 - Cider mill
 - Outdoor bars
 - Picnic on Belle Isle or local park
 - Bowling (But it is indoors)
 - Mini-golf
 - Soccer golf
 - Disc-golf
 - Peddle pub
- Tigers game is unfortunately cancelled because it can no longer be a Wayne sponsored event, so tickets would have to be a lot more expensive. If people still want to meet up and buy their own tickets independently, they can do that, however, we will be organizing a refund for tickets

Class Senate Reports

7:55 PM – Class Senate Reports (10 minutes)

1. Class of 2025
 - Working on planning an event in place of white coat as senate

- PEP at Old Miami get there before 9 if you don't want to pay a cover
- 2. Class of 2024
 - Events cancelled
 - Working on planning alternative event on the 3rd
 - Exam Friday, PEP at Old Miami get there before 9 if you don't want to pay a cover
- 3. Class of 2023
 - Had a fun PEP
 - Town Hall tomorrow with Steffes
- 4. Class of 2022
 - Two weeks until ophthalmology applications are due
 - Official ERAS supplement info (IM, dermatology, general surgery) [can be found here](#)
 - 213 days until Match, 294* days until graduation!

8:05 PM – Adjourn