

Sep 12th 2023

6:00 PM – Call for Meeting & Attendance and Quorum

6:05 PM – Guest Speakers/Presentations (30 min)

1. [Presentation] Financial Aid Office Panel

## Financial Aid – Summer Term Disbursement

- Disbursement information by class as of 7/6/23:

	M1	M2	M3	M4	Total
<b>Students Enrolled*</b>	306	305	295	263	1169
<b>Filed a FAFSA*</b>	255	209	194	191	849
<b>Have accepted aid**</b>	247	209	192	188	836
<b>Aid Paid**</b>	238	197	174	178	787

- \*Differences between "Students Enrolled" and "Filed a FAFSA" can be a number of reasons but most notably: have not filed one yet, not eligible to complete a FAFSA, not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- \*\*Differences between "Have accepted aid" and "Aid Paid" is due to students missing documentation for verification and/or not completing MPN or Entrance Counseling



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# Financial Aid – Communication Notification

- OSFA Monthly Newsletter
  - Goes out at the end of every month and includes highlights of what SoM students need to be aware of, like filing the 2023-24 FAFSA
- On 4/7/23, M1 students were packaged and on 6/2/23, M2-M4 students were packaged for the 2023-24 Academic year
  - When packaged students received an email advising them of any next steps (i.e. turn in any verification documentation, accept offered loans, etc.)
  - Any time after we receive a student's FAFSA they can review Academics to see if any additional steps are needed
  - Weekly notifications go out to students who need to turn in any finaid documents
- 7/20/23 and 7/27/23: emailed separately those students who have yet to file a 2324 FAFSA or accept their loans



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# Financial Aid – Cost of Attendance (COA)

- How is the COA determined?
  - Budget survey – every three years
    - Last one was in October 2022
  - Comparing to regional med school COA
    - For 2023-24 we compared WSU SoM to: UM, Wisconsin, OU, WMU, USC, Vanderbilt, and Johns Hopkins
  - Consumer Price Index (CPI) information
    - This is a measure of the average change overtime in prices paid by urban consumers from a market basket of consumer goods and services (from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)



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# Financial Aid – Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Cost of Attendance (COA) or budget includes costs for the student only to complete their program of study
- COA is composed of:
  - Tuition/fees
  - Books/supplies (including laptop for M1 and exam costs M2/M3)
  - Room/board
  - Transportation (including residency interviews for M4)
  - Personal miscellaneous
  - Federal loan fees
- Cannot exceed COA with financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans, and/or work study)
- COA is determined yearly by the Office of Student Financial Aid (\*Board of Governors determines tuition/fee amounts)



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Nuance on the exact amount each student could receive

Question: In your experience do you feel in the last few years that the cost of attendance has been appropriately grown in relation to inflation/rising costs of living

This is where CPI and other indices would factor in. As of now we would say yes, as for example the survey stated that the cost of transport was lower than we were distributing, but we decided to keep it the same. We also recognize that prices and rents do change, but the payment is. We are kinda on the mark when we compare to other schools/regionally/CPI. We also can't have COA that's just open checkbooks. The Department of Spending has a list of what is appropriate to spend for/not, both for students and the general public. We also have to report debt level when you graduate. If that gets too high then Financial Aid/Department of Education/Other offices start coming in and asking questions. The COA payment is as reflective as we can be for the average cost of living as a Student, unfortunately not for the environment/other issues. This money is for you, the student. 2, is that the student comes in with a cost or expectation and that unfortunately is not in the formula. It's not the purchase/lease on a car, but things such as gas/occasional oil change

Question: Follow up on the survey, what was the response rate? Specifically among SOM

It was low, don't have the exact numbers but it's always been low especially versus the number of people in attendance. That's why this new relationship is beneficial for us both

Question: No one really remembers getting that email, and we're mostly curious about the exact numbers. But 25% were grad students "various", but would be curious about the exact numbers.

Question : This is about transportation specifically in relation to getting a vehicle. The SOM states that it is mandatory to have a vehicle to get to clerkship rotations. I would like the DOE to figure out ways to help get a

vehicle, even if that's with extra loans or other means to finance a car as a medical student. I had emailed the SOM and the email was along the lines of "you can take the leftover from your COA".

Our offices can work together to help solve this issue/communication. Just as you are held to boards, we are held to DOE. We just have to figure out how to work this out

Question: Is there any budget for applications for M4 students as they prepare for residency?

## Financial Aid – Cost of Attendance

		Tuition In state	Tuition Out of State	Books/supplies	Monthly Room/board	Monthly Transportation	Monthly Miscellaneous
Wayne State	2223	39503	67200	429	1686	379	215
U of M	2223	53218	72268	102-2002	2200-2300	250-450	492
Wisconsin	2223	41130	57959	1045-1605	1605	93	608
Oakland U	2223	57936	N/A	400-700	1460-1510	302-468	323-330
Western	2223	66900	N/A	595-1760	1400	330-430	275
USC	2223	69160	N/A	1800-3000	2170	292	269
Vanderbilt	2223	64882	N/A	500	1434	170	333
Johns Hopkins	2223	59700	N/A	1000	1875	456	256



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Yes, \$1000 for Residency interviews and travel.

Question: How is the miscellaneous figured out? Like how does AA have 500 and we get 215? How is this from the survey?

This is from average cost of living, and other

Do you see my issue with why Madison does not need 400 more dollars?

I can't answer that, but they have 608 for miscellaneous and only 93 for transport. SO perhaps this is where it's coming from

Just to clarify one more thing. The DOE clarifies a lot of this, but do they have a dollar sign that is a max?

No, this is set by the institution. They do have certain categories that the institution can pay for, and then the institution has to figure out the exact amount. This is an average of budgets, and your personal budget may be

different, and it's not totally within the institution.

## Unexpected Financial Hardships/Changes in Financial Situation

- Students complete a FAFSA every year they are intending to utilize Federal Aid.
- During the academic year students can speak with a Financial Aid Officer (FAO) about a Budget Adjustment Appeal
  - If approved, allows OSFA to adjust components of a student's COA to create room for additional aid (loans, scholarships, grants, etc.).
  - Student educational related costs and appeals require supporting documentation
- Student can also reach out to Greg/Kelli to see if there are any emergency grants or scholarships available



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We are allowed to do a budget request for extenuating circumstances. Now it's changed, pre covid was a lot of travel, now is zoom. So \$1000 usually covers it. But if it ends up being 2000 then we can add to the COA and then we can figure it out from there. So come talk to us, and we can figure out what areas we can help with

Question: What would have to happen to allow Wayne to offer free tuition

Above my pay grade, I can't answer that question. But I would agree, how do we fundraise or offer more assistance to allow more students to graduate without debt/

Now I know when NYU offered free tuition, how did this happen?

Mix of state and endowments? This can be as a mix of rich alumni or other factors for rich people

## Financial Counseling/Guidance

- Questions students have regarding their federal loans can be directed towards OSFA
- Questions students have regarding budgeting while in med school can be directed towards Greg/Kelli



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## Loan Literacy Course / M4 Students

- AAMC comes in and provides a presentation on the transition from med school to residency and the impact on federal loans.
  - AAMC also has appointments available for one-on-one questions
- Students are also required to go through Exit Counseling with the Department of Education prior to completing med school
  - Exit Counseling provides students information on who their loan servicer is, their contact information, and allows to student to set up loan repayment plan or the process for loan forebarrence
- OSFA is also available year round for questions regarding federal loans and/or next steps



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# Financial Aid – Continuous Improvement

- OSFA will be partnering the SoM Student Senate
  - Please give your feedback to your senate reps
- Customer service surveys – please complete the 3 question/1 open text box survey. OSFA uses this information to improve the student experience
- Developing/working on a Financial Aid Canvas Page so students can review/update a financial aid checklist and will also list important dates, deadlines, and requirements (Recommendation from the Student Senate)
- Som Financial Aid Newsletter – monthly highlights that include information you need to know



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## Financial Aid Office is Here for You!

### Contact Us

- **Call:** 313-577-1039
- **Email:** [finaidmed@wayne.edu](mailto:finaidmed@wayne.edu)
- **Appointment:**  
<https://wayne.edu/financial-aid/medicine/contact>
- Please include your Access ID or Banner ID in all correspondence with our office.

### Financial Aid Officers

**Barbara Jones, Ph.D.**  
Financial Aid Officer

**Adam Zangerle**  
Financial Aid Officer

**Sharif Ali Dinar**  
Financial Aid Officer



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# 2023/2024 Budgeting, Debt Management & Financial Wellness





# SOM - Office of Scholarship, Debt Management and Financial Wellness

**Our Goal is to help students understand Costs, Available Scholarship Funding, School Funding Questions, Budgeting, Debt Management and available Resources for success.**



**Greg Stolarski, Associate Director**



**Kelli Wright, Financial Wellness Advisor**



[Website of Resources](#)

Cost budgets, debt management, and new resources for students

## Our Services

- Check out our [Website of Resources](#)
- Transition to and from Medical School (Entrance, Exit, LOA's)
- **Coming Soon**
  - **Financial Speaker Series\*New\*** - First Session on October 11, 2023 at 5pm on External Scholarship Applications in the Blue Room
    - [Event Information](#)
    - [RSVP](#)
    - **Public Student Loan Forgiveness PSLF Program, planned for January 18, 2024 (More information to come)**
- Budgeting/Debt Management and Financial Wellness Meetings
  - Discuss your Personal Situation One-on-One
  - Discuss your Risk Factors
  - Develop a Budget and Plan
  - Provide Resources
  - Provide ways to improve
  - Follow-up and stay in touch
  - **Meetings are confidential**



Meeting coming up soon! These will have experienced speakers If in person, food and prizes etc. This subject matter was of direct request by students. We also conduct 1 on 1 meetings with students, managing budgets, creating spending plans, etc. These are confidential, and can be set up online

## Continuous Improvement

- Surveys are sent after each One-on-One Session. Feedback from Survey is used to make real-time adjustments to our services
- External Scholarship Assistance Program was created from Student Feedback
- Public Student Loan Forgiveness Program was created from Student Feedback
- Meeting regularly with Student Senate Leaders and will be attending Student Senate Meetings
- Developing/working on Canvas Page Announcements/Assignments so students can receive information, important dates, deadlines and requirements where they are everyday (Recommendation from Student Senate Leaders)



We will set up a canvas page section, and will put the key info in the modules and easily accessible

## M4 Graduation/Transition to Residency

- Public Student Loan Forgiveness PSLF Program planned for January 18, 2024
- AAMC "Repayment Strategies for Federal Student Loans" Program Webinar Session planned for Spring 2024 Term
- "Physician Home Loans" Home Financing/Home Buying for Graduating Students Program Webinar Session planned for March 2024
- Currently developing a "Graduation/Exit Counseling" Financial Literacy Course for M4 Students to launch in Winter 2024 Term
- Loan Forgiveness/Repayment Program information is available on our [Website](#)



These are FANTASTIC Sessions, and can set up for your specific residency or can help to figure out loans.

We are looking for a launch sometime in the winter term for the "graduation/exit counseling" meetings

## What we have accomplished since March of 2023.....

- 287 or 94% of the incoming Class of 2027 Students have completed One-on-One Budgeting/Financial Wellness Meetings
- 80 continuing MD Students have met One-on-One for assistance, Please book an appointment with Kelli so we can assist you
- 32 MD Students Going on/Returning from LOA have met One-on-One for assistance
- MD Students are in the process of completing required Budgeting/Financial Wellness Modules within the SOM Canvas Page/AAMC, Due by September 30, 2023. Thank you for completing! [Link to Complete](#)
- The Offices of Scholarship and Financial Wellness, Financial Aid and Student Accounts have been providing proactive outreach to assist students with disbursement issues. (12 different notifications and ongoing) **if you hear from us, Please Respond.**
  - Academica Notifications
  - Emails
  - Text Messages
  - Personal Phone Calls
  - Monthly Newsletter
  - Student Account Hold follow-up



# Scholarships Update

## So far for the 2023/2024 Academic Year

- Board of Governors Need Based Aid, New Student Admissions Scholarships, Post Bach Scholarships, MDPhD Scholarships, Med Direct Scholarships and Scholarship Renewals have been awarded
- 1162 MD Students have received one or more forms of Scholarship Aid to date
- Total Dollars awarded to date \$8,370,192.00 to Date
- Average Award Amount \$7,203.00
- By Segment Level
  - M1 – 311 Awards, \$2,078,651.00 Total Dollars to Date, \$6,684.00 Average Award
  - M2 – 286 Awards, \$2,081,371.00 Total Dollars to Date, \$7,278.00 Average Award
  - M3 – 305 Awards, \$2,372,558.00 Total Dollars to Date, \$7,779.00 Average Award
  - M4 – 260 Awards, \$1,837,612.00 Total Dollars to Date, \$7,068.00 Average Award



This is just to date, can figure out total dollar amounts if needed. These are set by criteria that the donors set, and we have to have people meet those criteria to be eligible to receive them.

# Scholarships Update, continued...

- **Endowed Scholarship Application Period 2023/2024**
  - **Closed on August 29, 2023**
  - 74 Scholarships Available
  - A list of available Endowed Scholarships was attached to the announcement so MD Students can search by name, see the Description and Criteria in Scholarship Universe
  - Goal of the Scholarship Committee is to have all Endowed Scholarships awarded by September 30, 2023; MD Students will receive a Congratulations Letter with Next Steps if selected



# Emergency Scholarship for MD Students

- The Wayne State University School of Medicine Scholarship Committee has implemented a process for MD Students in emergency situations to apply for Emergency Scholarship Funds each Term. Fall 2023 Term will open soon
- **To be eligible for consideration**, the MD Student must 1) complete the **APPLICATION** and 2) **SCHEDULE** to meet with the Office of Scholarship, Debt Management and Financial Wellness to discuss their personal situation, create a budget, complete required Canvas Financial Wellness Modules, discuss available resources and create an improvement plan
- **MD Students must meet the following criteria:**
  - Be Enrolled in coursework (MD Students on LOA are not eligible)
  - Completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the Academic Year, if eligible to file a FAFSA and completed all Financial Aid requirements
  - If you are a non-citizen and not eligible to file a FAFSA you need to document what circumstances changed from the time you filed the Statement of Financial Support for Non-Residents
  - Funding cannot be awarded to cover Prior Academic Year Balances
  - Emergency Fund amounts are based on funding availability
  - Utilized all available Financial Aid funds including Federal Loans and a Federal Grad Plus Loan denial on file from any year
- The Scholarship Committee will grant the Emergency Scholarship Funds based on criteria and funds availability for the Term.
- **4 MD Student recieved an Emergency Scholarships in the Summer 2023 Term**



THERE IS ONLY A SET DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH TERM TO GIVE OUT. To be eligible you have to essentially exhaust all other options. However, if you do meet these criteria then please apply!

## We are here to help you! Use Our Services!

- **Contact us by Phone**
  - Greg Stolarski, 313-577-3610 or Kelli Wright, 313-577-8251
- **By Email**
  - [scholarshipteam@wayne.edu](mailto:scholarshipteam@wayne.edu)
  - [finwellness@wayne.edu](mailto:finwellness@wayne.edu)
- **Click to Schedule an Appointment**
  - [Book time with Gregory Stolarski](#)
  - [Book time with Kelli Wright](#)
  - For Immediate Appointments email [kelliwright@wayne.edu](mailto:kelliwright@wayne.edu)
  - Evening Appointments available until 8pm on Thursdays



Question: How do we know how to contact which office?

Generally financial aid wise (my money hasn't dispersed, budget adjusted) Then it is the financial aid office. For financial literacy, how to be an adult, then that is Greg's office. Greg does not have access to all the information that the financial aid office does, therefore we have to work together to figure out any question to figure it out.

If you just reach out to either of us, then we will work together to get it figured out. If I can't answer it, then I can get adam or barb on the line.

Quesotin: Now I know you said 30-60 days, but was an exact date set?

I wanted to do Sept 30th, but that's unrealistic at this time. So by Oct 30th we will have contacted you, and we can adjust the loans and have sent an email to inform and congratulate you on the new scholarship.

### **6:35 PM – New Business (20 minutes)**

1. [Discussion vote] Constitution Committee: New Fin Aid Internal Senate Committee amendments (10 min)

7. Financial Aid literacy. This internal committee shall be made up of one representative of each class currently enrolled at WSUSOM (M1-M4). The overarching goal of this committee is to serve as a liaison between the WSUSOM student body and the WSUSOM Office of Financial Aid, the WSU Office of Financial Aid and WSU Bursar Office. This committee will advocate for clearer expectations for students when regarding financial aid, help to develop a more robust financial literacy curriculum, and serve as student advocates during the resolution of wide scale problems with the WSUSOM financial aid office, should they arise.

Question: How many people would this be?

4 including the president

Question: Just a quick logistics, but thoughts on potentially making this an ad hoc for a year, seeing progress and then making it a full time committee. We would want to assess the progress and trajectory of the committee first.

Zoom: That's similar to how we did with ISA (ad-hoc first, then internal committee)

This is something that the Financial Aid office wants us to have longitudinally. ISA was a branch of student efforts, the Financial Aid office requested for us to make this a committee. They keep using Arya and I, which is becoming problematic. This is a need that has already been demonstrated, and so kicking the can down the line would be not effective. So we should be proactive.

Question: I would be more so on the side of what Riya was saying. I think this is more for a relationship between students and Financial Aid, not Senate and Financial aid. We have a lot of committees, and I don't want to stretch too thin. We should focus on developing the relationship with this office and the student body.

The issue that I have found is that if it's not a focused and goal oriented group of students, then this issue will bubble up and it will rise up again and become another presentation by the Financial aid office. So if we make

this a committee, then these people can handle these issues and can help make the rest of the Senate more effective.

Agreed. We have 3 ad hocs, which is the most we've seen. You see a lot of the ad hocs, they are being pushed forward by the same frequent fliers. Therefore, to make this more effective, we should make this a full committee.

Question: Can you give examples of tasks that students in this internal committee would be responsible for?

Developing financial literacy among the students, continuing working on the office, feedbacks on surveys, so we can get paid more, making sure we are working with social medias,

Question: I think if we make this an ad hoc committee, that would spread us thinner. But if we make this an internal committee, it will be more longitudinal, it will help the entire student body. Also, what's the downsides? I feel like there's not much that can go wrong that we can't alter as an internal committee, so why ad hoc first?

Question: I think an MD PhD rep would be great! Considering all the financial difficulties we get as tuition paid students, then employees, etc

Motion:

Motion to make the committee changes

Passes, quorum has been met

2. [Discussion] Treasurer: Update on fund request (10 min)

The image is a screenshot of a presentation slide with a dark blue background. At the top center, there is a small grey box with the text "Press Esc to exit full screen". Below this, the title "Treasurer: Fund Requests" is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. Underneath the title, there are two bullet points in white text: "- Old business: \*Name of person\* requesting funds for past research conference" and "- New business: \*Name of person\* requesting funds for \_\_\_\_\_". Further down, there are two more bullet points in a light green color: "- FYI: Budget for fund request are:" and "- Link to fund request on SS website is [here](#)". At the bottom of the slide, there are three small white dots, with the middle one being larger, indicating the current slide position. In the bottom left corner, a small white box contains the URL "https://www.wsusomstudentsenate.com/new-page-2". On the right side of the slide, there is a dark grey vertical bar with a white left-pointing arrow.

We went to a conference, and we were requesting money and were denied.

Office of Student Affairs “we did not submit funding 60 days in advance” (we didn’t know our schedules until August 10th) We were still denied

Office of Medical Research or Medical Education do not offer this funding

ORiginally 1500 but would be happy for 500 each (3 people) or less. We would be happy for any amount.

We feel that this conference helped to support DEI efforts

Question: are all travelers presenting>

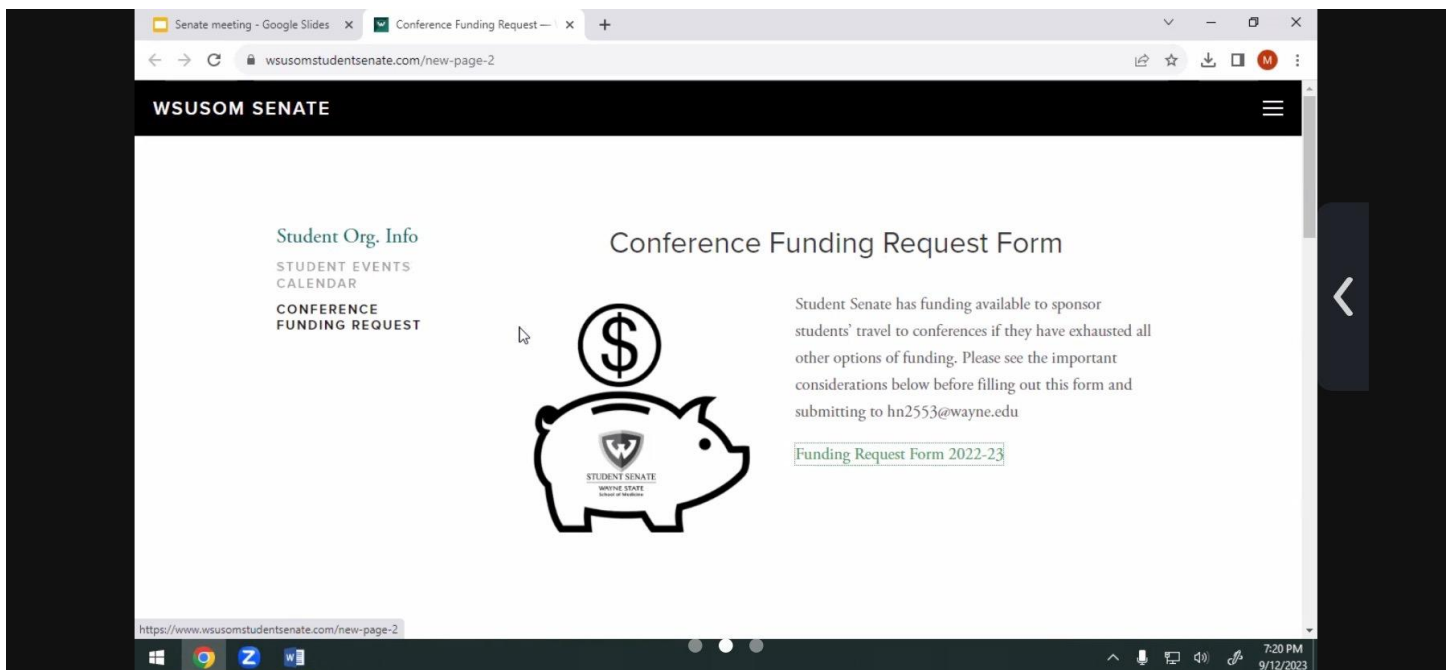
Only me, the other students are presenting but it’s for the same project. This conference happened this past labor day weekend.

If your name is on a research project, then you can get funding through the office of medical student research. 500 limit per student.

I had received funding for a project back in May contingent on an excused absence, which was not amenable for this past trip.

Question: So from the Office of MSR, there is a page for reimbursement. Awards are available up to 500 dollars based on reimbursement. You send an application and hopefully they reimburse you. Typically this is the first step. 1) Are you familiar with this? And 2) You should try this

I did not go this route because it said it was not available for student orgs, but if you are saying this is appropriate as individual students then we can do that.



Conclusion: He will try this

Emily was approved for 500 from the Scholarly award which covers many of her expenses. She was sent from Genie for the rest which is \$331.86



Motion to approve funding to the amount of 331.86:

Passed

### **6:55 PM – Old Business (5 Minutes)**

#### 1. [Discussion] Houses: Update on the MD labs (5 min)

We've been having many meetings, and we've realized if we want to do it right it would cost a lot of money that we don't have. However, it has morphed into a discussion of how houses are used at this school. For example, volunteer events on a monthly basis for student learning. So I don't have an update unless we get \$100,000 out of somewhere.

We can do a better job as a senate of reaching out to alumni and telling them the directions that we wish to go and to see if fundraising can work that way. Also Diane Poole, the office of alumni, I don't think that these two offices know that the other exists.

We kinda have to ask Dr Baker and Dr Ayers what their expectations are. We requested only a couple thousand for minor decorations, and they brought up massive renovations. And we just have to communicate with them what the expectation is and how to move forward

Fundraising ideas from alumni for this project.

I think a lot of this can be from responses of Dr Baker and others. We just want to make the houses different priorities, and how to move forward

Zoom: yeah we can definitely bring this up with Alumni and see if there's room in the Annual Fund (which for this fiscal year has not met its financial goals, but fingers crossed). Let's connect offline to talk more :) @house peeps

Dr Baker wants his own senates within the houses, and is giving a lot of senate responsibilities to these houses.

Houses are not passionate about this, and they won't want these responsibilities. So we will keep in connection with Dr Baker in terms of how we move forward.

Student Senate is for students by students, so can't be dissolved by admin

### **7:00PM – Internal & External & Ad Hoc Committee Reports (40 min)**

### 3. [Discussion] Social Committee update (20 min)

## Halloween Party

- Scheduled for Fri Oct 27, 9pm-12AM at Bookie's Bar and Grille 2208 Cass Ave, Detroit, MI 48201
- Judges (odd #) to meet Sat Oct 28th: \*\*\*\*
- Costume contest last year: total of six winners, each receiving a cash prize: one from each of the M1-M4 classes (\$25), one of the MD/PhDs (\$25), and one overall best costume (\$50). Judges also ended up adding a category for group costume winner \$50 after the fact.
- Bookie's have their own DJ but he asked us if we wanted to provide one, will try to see if we can give song recs?
- Other feedback/ideas:

How to vote on the judges and how many winners? Will we have enough participation from students overall and from the MD-PhD?

7 now! One for each class, each MD-PhD, one overall, and one group

## Networking Event

- Last year in the fall
- "Making the Rounds"
- @ Roostertail (upscale venue on the river)
- Event was capped at 40 students per class.
- Student were paired with an attending from their top 3 specialties and got to rotate through tables.
- Finances were mostly organized by Student Affairs as WSUSOM had already paid for the venue contract 3 years earlier; however, Senate gave input on logistics.
- Hoping to expand space this year to allow more students to attend; however, may have to be at lower budget space without alcohol. Also will need help recruiting docs!!

Re: Making the Rounds - Student Senate



Sarkis Kouyoumjian <skouyoumj@med.wayne.edu>

Today at 1:03 PM

To: Pooja Polamarasetti; Crisshy Auguste; April Mayweather; Nicole Collier;

Allison Gherardini; Tracey M Eady

Cc: Arya Gaddam; Cullen Hudson; Riya Shah

We had a date but the venue cancelled.

We are still working on it.

Dr K



# Gala

- School-wide formal night (~ med school prom) ± alcohol
- Our top choice is the weekend of Fri March 8th / Sat March 9th. Before Match Day, any objections?
- Usually do dinner and drinks, but are experimenting with different options including cash/debit bar instead of open bar included in ticket pricing, strolling appetizers
- Separate from most venue costs: DJ \$1500, WSU photographer \$500, photobooth \$1500, decor (we have vases from last year, candles, last year fresh red roses \$500 as well as rented the plastic rose wall for photos \$200)
- Theme to determine marketing, decor, and (optional) games



# Last year's #

- Attendees: ~800. Expecting around 600 this year and we can also cap # during sales.
- We did two-tier tickets students 0-700 were \$45 and 700+ were \$55 and non-students \$50 / \$60. Reached the 700 in ~ the last week.
- Sold Oct - Jan so had final #s 1 month prior
- Venue sold unlim drink wristbands for \$30
- Saturday 7-11PM advertised but we didn't kick people out until 12AM, had the next day to cleanup. Since most likely Friday this year maybe a 8-12? However, may have to cleanup same night – not too bad if we just have table centerpieces, people take flowers home
- Last year each senator was required to do a 30min shift to check people in or help consolidate our stuff for cleanup.



Donations	
Senate	\$10,000.00
Alumni	\$14,000.00
Fundraising	\$1,200.00
LH	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,200.00</b>

- Student affairs or Dean's office for donations? Other sponsors??
- Vote on Senate contribution for this year.
- There's also usually a venue schedule for payments where we split through four months or so.

Question: can we do the theme early to help increase engagement?

Absolutely!

Question: What are the yearly rates for Alumni? And annual senate contribution?

Surprised by 14k, but if we told them we gave that last year we could probably approach close. As for the Senate, we have 13k, but that is also for future years.

## Fundraiser Ideas

- Michael and Nikki are our new MIs on social committee! Leading fundraising efforts for the year, so please contact them with ideas.
- Goal is to make \$1500-2000 this year.
- Ideas?
  - Merchandise sale
    - Fleece and dri-fit jackets for rotations
    - Water bottles
    - Cute crewnecks
  - Bake sale
  - Thanksgiving candy grams
  - Event?



## Masonic

### Pros:

- Great team to work with and super responsive to addressing our concerns, making sure the event goes wonderfully
- Overall vibes / historic venue
- Right in midtown, easy to get to
- Extra room as part of rental
- Beautiful historic Detroit building that provides a true sense of the city
- Should we decide between the two banquet halls, or do both again?

### Cons

- Same place as last year. Opportunity to establish tradition (in the past we held gala at the Roostertail several years in a row which was fine) vs people wanting something new.
- Two separate rooms requiring crowd ushering.
- Parking/rides was crazy last year due to downtown concert and game(s) at the same time.



## Masonic Temple Rooms:



Fountain  
- 1000



Crystal  
550



Question: I'm not a dancer, but I'm a talker and was enjoying it and then had to move. Why?

A lot of people didn't know we had a second room, and we just wanted to let people know that it was there. We can do less sheep herding this year and just let people go where they please.

Question: If we have a flood, and do the sheepherding, then will people just go from one room to the next?

Yea, that was again just the newness of the place and wanting to use the 360 photo booth. We can be much more laissez faire this year

## One Campus Martius — 16th Floor

### PROS:

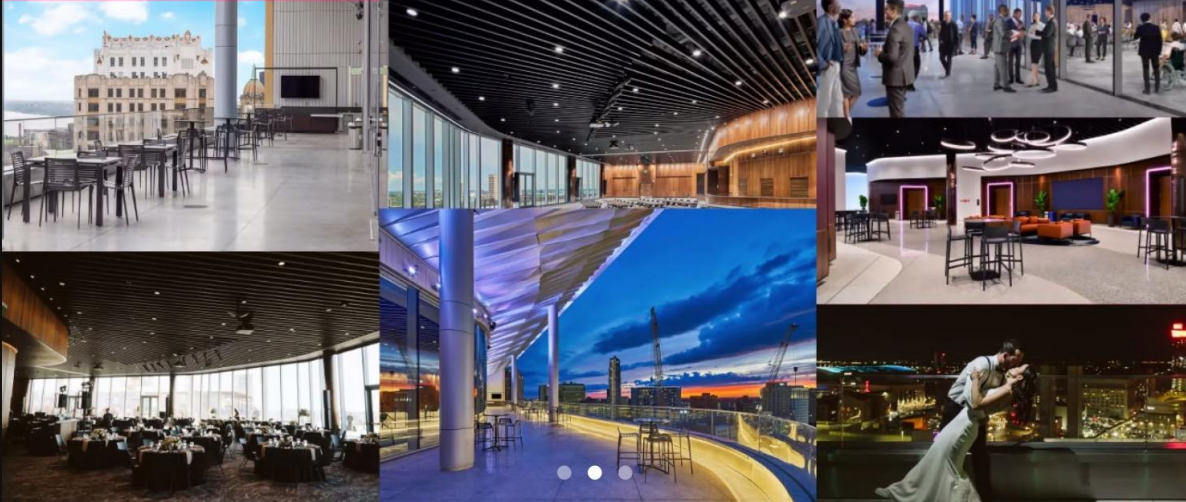
- Located literally in campus martius = things to do after, easy to get to
- Skyline views of Detroit through windows (RenCen, CM)
- Outdoor wraparound terrace, although winter so probably no one will hang out there too long, can use for pics
- Catering vendor is separate, discussing pricing options now
- Pre-function lounge area with windows combined with inside party area
- Willing to do debit bar or wristband option like last year
- 1 bartender per 50 guests = fewer lines (quote has us paying about 4k for bartenders vs 1k last year @ Masonic)



### CONS:

- Need to cap at ~600 (650 may be pushing it, but allowed per venue manager)
- Saturday Mar 9 not avail (we would have to do the Friday = less set up time)
- Parking might be tough
- Catering separate so have to use paper plates, etc

## One Campus Martius — 16th Floor



MASONIC DOES NOT WANT TO DO THE CASH/WRISTBAND BAR, One campus martius will.

One campus martius caps at 600, maybe push to 650. No sit down dinners, appetizers/stuff. We would have to do Friday, which would still be a work day so less set up. And also downtown parking issues. Did offer a shuttle, but idk if that would be free.

## International Banquet and Conference Center



### PROS:

- Ticket price (\$46/ticket)
- Located in Greektown = things to do after (casino, club)
- Skyline views of Detroit through windows (RenCen, CM)
- Attached to Atheneum Hotel, if we want to do hotel room block
- Rental time: 12 PM - 1 AM
- Waived bartender fee (\$1200)

### CONS:

- Carpet / overall vibes were more conference-y than party
- Need to find own DJ/AV
- Hard to find if entering from Atheneum side
- Paid parking
- Balcony 200 is separate from dining area 450 (where should we do dance floor vs buffet)

# Huntington/COBO

## Pros:

- Great view overlooking riverfront towards Windsor – would be nice for pictures
- Outdoor light and huge windows (different from last year's vibe)
- Really organized teams taking care of random things like: linens, food allergies, coat racks, curtain photobooth, parking vs uber situation
- Preferred DJ (\$1000 for night) has worked here and knows the space
- Customizable lighting/color schemes could let us match the space to whatever gala theme we go with (i.e. blues and greens for under the sea)



## Cons

- Priced at ~\$80 per ticket, may be out of our budget
- Parking is expensive at \$16/car but they have a structure (unlike other venues)

## In summary:



<u>Venue</u>	<u>Masonic</u>	<u>One Campus Martius</u>	<u>Inter Banquet</u>	<u>COBO</u>
<u>Location</u>	Midtown	Campus Martius Downtown	Greektown	Riverfront Downtown
<u>Capacity</u>	550 + 700	600-650	450 + 200	1000
<u>Dates Avail</u>	March 8-9	March 8	March 9	March 8-9
<u>Approx Price per Dinner Ticket (~600 guests)</u>	\$80 (subsidized to ~\$50 last year with fundraising/donation)	\$23 + food \$77 = \$100. Can we do a gala without dinner? Open bar/no din = \$82	\$50	\$85
<u>Bar Situation</u>	Wristband \$30 or Credit (\$4-12ea)	Wristbands or Credit	Credit bar	Credit bar

Masonic Temple - 5

One Campus Martius - 3

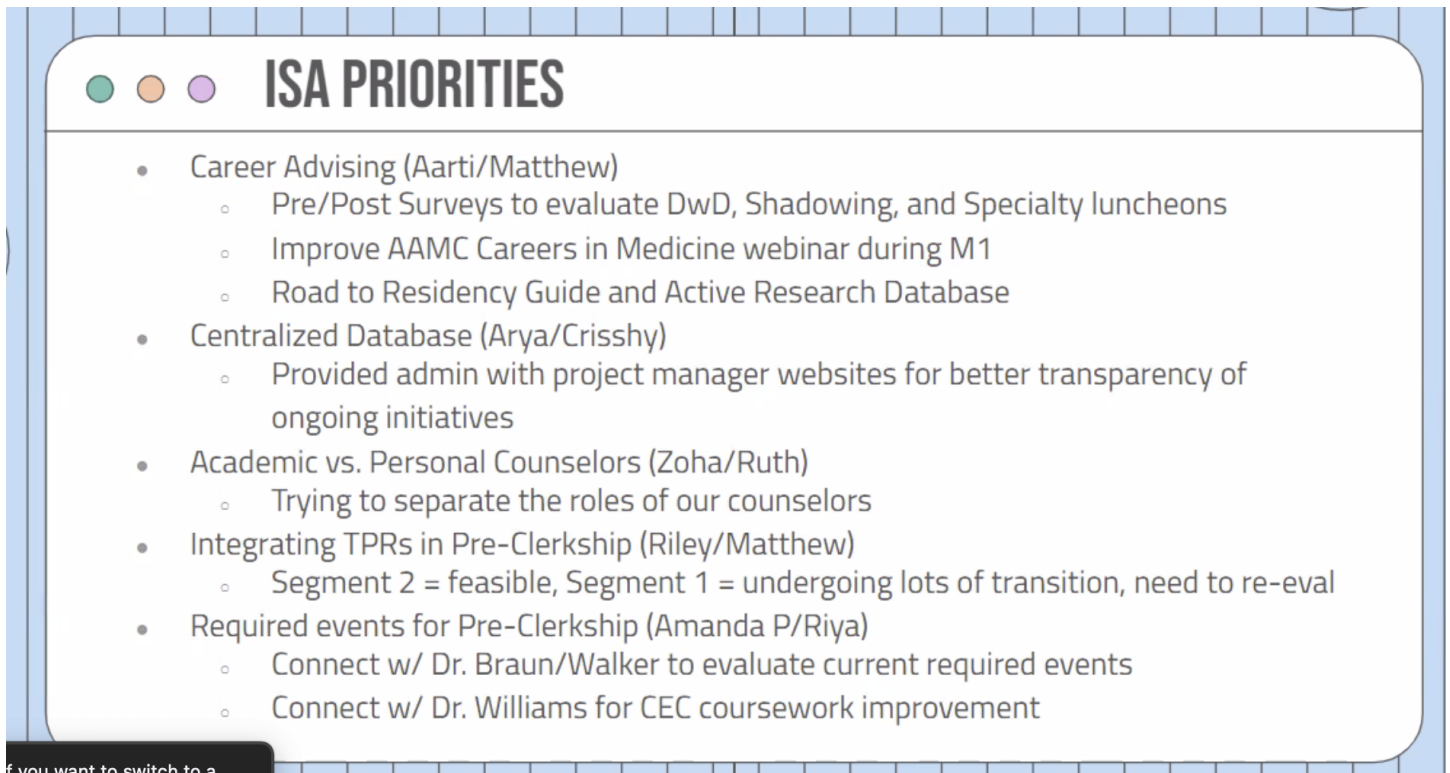
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COBO hall is our winner

4. [Discussion] Step 1 ad hoc Committee update (10 min)

5. [Discussion] ISA Committee update (10 min)

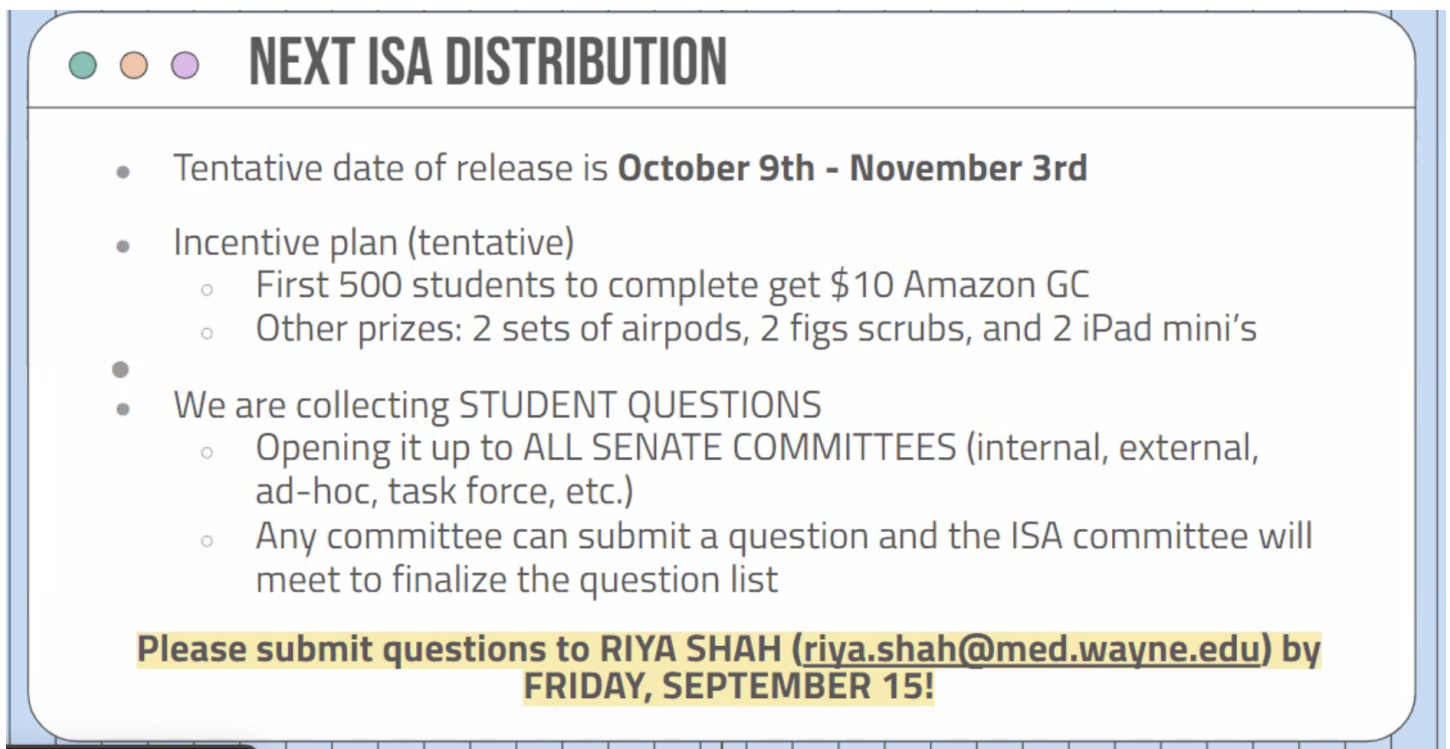


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## ISA PRIORITIES

- Career Advising (Aarti/Matthew)
  - Pre/Post Surveys to evaluate DwD, Shadowing, and Specialty luncheons
  - Improve AAMC Careers in Medicine webinar during M1
  - Road to Residency Guide and Active Research Database
- Centralized Database (Arya/Crisshy)
  - Provided admin with project manager websites for better transparency of ongoing initiatives
- Academic vs. Personal Counselors (Zoha/Ruth)
  - Trying to separate the roles of our counselors
- Integrating TPRs in Pre-Clerkship (Riley/Matthew)
  - Segment 2 = feasible, Segment 1 = undergoing lots of transition, need to re-eval
- Required events for Pre-Clerkship (Amanda P/Riya)
  - Connect w/ Dr. Braun/Walker to evaluate current required events
  - Connect w/ Dr. Williams for CEC coursework improvement

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## NEXT ISA DISTRIBUTION

- Tentative date of release is **October 9th - November 3rd**
- Incentive plan (tentative)
  - First 500 students to complete get \$10 Amazon GC
  - Other prizes: 2 sets of airpods, 2 figs scrubs, and 2 iPad mini's
- We are collecting STUDENT QUESTIONS
  - Opening it up to ALL SENATE COMMITTEES (internal, external, ad-hoc, task force, etc.)
  - Any committee can submit a question and the ISA committee will meet to finalize the question list

**Please submit questions to RIYA SHAH ([riya.shah@med.wayne.edu](mailto:riya.shah@med.wayne.edu)) by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!**

7:40 PM – Executive Senate Reports (20 min)

1. [Discussion] Treasurer: Update on taxes, non-profit status (5 min)



2. [Discussion] MD/PhD: Graduate Senate Update: When's exec elections? (5 min)

3. [Discussion] VP update (5 min)

4. [Discussion] Pres update (5 min)

**8:00 PM – Class Senate Reports (5 minutes)**

**1. Class of 2027**

**Hell week next week, HDF 1, NBME, Practical**

**M1 prof applications due, usually people wait until late to apply so hopefully more participation**

**2. Class of 2026**

**Exam on Thurs 1st, Micro lab on 18th, PEP TBD**

**3. Class of 2025**

**Good luck for exams next week! Enjoy your break**

**4. Class of 2024**

- **Certify ERAS by Tuesday, Sept 26nd: photos and transcript requests should be in and remaining LoRs can be added later**
- **Residency programs begin reviewing applications and MSPes on Wednesday, Sept 27 at 9 a.m. EST**
- **CRISP assignments DUE Saturday, Sept 30th: Professionalism, Healthcare Communication, and Aquifer**
- **Good luck on interviews, keep an eye out for mock interview sign-ups for Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **NRMP registration and payment due Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**
- **185 days until the match and 268 days until graduation!!!**

**8:05 - Adjourn**

Motion to Cancel the NEXT SEPT meeting

**NO SENATE MEETING NEXT WEEK**