

## **Medical Student Council Benchmarking**

*(Questions conducted via the OSR listserve – September 2011)*

### **1) What events do they hold during the year?**

#### **Brody School of Medicine at ECU**

Have events such as a Talent Show, 10k race (Hamstring Hustle), and formal.

#### **Wayne State**

Student gala (prom), Halloween party, orientation parties (for MS1's but all are welcome), comedy night (get a comedian and go to a comedy club), golf outing (with alumni), and a bunch more.

#### **University of Colorado**

Through the year, the MSC holds a 5k fundraiser, a "med school prom", a memorial service for families of cadaver donors, and attempts to coordinate the many student representatives to various committees on campus. Further, the MSC allocates funding to student interest groups.

#### **Albert Einstein COM**

As far as events and activities go, the student council does not run any of its own. Our main goal is to be a liaison between the various committees at our school (curriculum, course directors, clinical directors, alumni, etc.) and the students, so we don't actually hold any events.

#### **Indiana University School of Medicine**

The MSC holds two main events a year: Interview Day in the winter and Leadership Day in the summer. Interview Day is a whole-day affair where all MSC- and Dean-appointed positions hold interviews. Leadership Day is also a whole-day event when student leaders get together to hear about topics that range from leadership in medicine to medical state licensure.

#### **SUNY Downstate College of Medicine**

Our med council at Downstate acts mostly to support other programs happening at downstate. We offer funding to all the clubs on campus. We also act to help fix any problems that pop up at our school, including issues with funding for study materials for students, support groups, etc. The med council also is in charge of senior week, which is a great event for the 4th year students at the end of their time at Downstate. Hold a lot of events throughout the year including block parties, provide food post exams, organize study materials, as well as hold different social events throughout the year.

#### **Washington University in St. Louis**

We hold a variety of events throughout the year. Our student government organizes a week of lunch talks and interactions with the other health schools on campus (Audiology, PT, OT), they organize our annual Teacher Awards Ceremony, Medball (basically Med School Prom), a professionalism lunch, and a class showcase for the 1st, 2nd, and 4th year classes (each on different dates).

#### **Keck School of Medicine**

We have student council representatives at a couple of different levels. We have a graduate professional student senate which is comprised of all the different graduate students at USC. Their main job is to coordinate activities for the different professional schools and to provide funding and advising to the medical school. We also have an Associated Medical Student Senate which is exclusive to the medical school. The ASSM takes on large scale activities and works with the administration to secure funding for individual student groups. At each class level we also have a group of elected representatives who are advocates for their classmates. Elected positions include two presidents, secretary (manages online calendars and communications), curriculum representatives, admissions representatives, research chairs, AMA rep, and social chairs. Day to day these are the people who we hear from most as medical students. Each week our class council sends out a summary email of events on campus, including lunch time lectures, talks, exams, etc. Our curriculum representatives are very active in giving feedback to our professors and I believe they meet with our system chairs on a fairly regular basis (maybe 2x a block?)

## 2) How do they communicate with 1st and 2nd year students?

### **Brody School of Medicine at ECU**

Each class has a president, vice president, curriculum, secretary/treasurer, OSR, and general representatives. Each class's representatives meet individually before coming together once a month to discuss issues. Most communication with outside members of the class is done via email or class meeting during lunch.

### **Wayne State**

There are four class senates and one executive senate. We all attend one meeting where everything is talked about then each class senate disburses info. We're also making a senate website, we send out senate emails, and we have a senate newsletter.

### **University of Colorado**

MSC is composed of members of all 4 classes, including the class president, vice president, and treasurer of each class. We have a website which students can use, but we mainly communicate via email to the student body at large.

### **Albert Einstein COM**

Student council communicates with all students primarily (only?) through e-mail. We send out monthly updates letting students know what we've discussed at our meeting and what actions are being taken, and at the same time remind students to reach out to us with any questions/concerns/suggestions. We don't use anything like Facebook or message boards or other things like that.

### **Indiana University School of Medicine**

Medical Student Council (MSC) meets once a month from the months of August-May. Class Officers, who are automatically voting members of the MSC are responsible for communicating to their respective classes, as well as representing the opinions of their classes. The MSC Secretary also sends out monthly updates after the regularly scheduled meeting to the whole class via e-mail.

### **SUNY Downstate College of Medicine**

Communicate to all the students in various years by having separate councils for each year. Select people from these councils are on the overall council governing each year. Use email also.

### **Washington University in St. Louis**

Our student government meets once per month, and the representatives from each class all meet together on those days. Since the meetings are infrequent, it is acceptable for our clinical students to request to have an hour free on the one day of the month when the meeting is held. Those meetings are the main way that we have communication between classes, as we are all there to discuss events and med school legislation together. However, we also communicate when we plan the events outside of meetings, as frequently we will have additional meetings when events require them. Also, use spam class listserves.

### **Keck School of Medicine**

In general all of our communications are sent out through class lists. Most announcements will go out to all of the years, but it's understood that first and second years are going to be more involved in campus activities. Our class council has also worked with the administration to put together a comprehensive Google calendar that all years can access.

## 3) How do they communicate with 3rd and 4th year students? Communication used for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years was the same as what is used for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year medical students for each school.