

I am honored to serve the national medical school admissions community and the AAMC as the chair of the Committee on Admissions (COA). COA is one of five national committees of the GSA and as with all of these GSA National Committees, we are advisory to the Group on Student Affairs (GSA) Steering Committee and to the AAMC. Our Committee is comprised of the COA chair, four regional representatives, the Committee on Student Diversity Affairs (COSDA) representative, the President of the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions (NAAHP), an Organization of Student Representative (OSR) Liaison and the GSA National Vice-Chair.

At this time in history, as we face a myriad of unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19, it is more important now than ever that we work together to understand and to address the multitude of challenges that all constituents- including applicants, pre-health advisors, and admissions officers- face in these difficult and unpredictable times. COA will work to ensure that our charge, to provide guidance on national policy and procedural issues regarding the admission of students to medical school, is fulfilled in collaboration with all stakeholders, and as these unpredictable times unfold, stand ready to move forward with flexibility and creativity.

We welcome your interest in the efforts of COA. With engagement of our admissions community and its diverse voices, we will be able to more effectively help to shape and to guide medical school admissions, and we encourage you to contact us with any admissions-related questions, ideas or proposals.

Sincerely,

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