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GSA Admissions Community Call.**

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AAMC Group on Student Affairs (GSA) Committee on Admissions (COA)



Admissions Community Call

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February 17, 2022
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. EST



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Agenda

- **Chair's Welcome, Committee Introduction**
- **Updates on ongoing Projects and Activities**
- **AAMC Updates: April Virtual Fair and AAMC Resources**
- **2022 GSA-CiM-OSR National Meeting, April 7-9, Denver, CO**
- **Ongoing Impacts of Covid-19: Medical School Admissions Survey**
- **Open Discussion**

Chair's Welcome and Committee Updates



Lina Mehta, MD
COA Chair
Associate Dean for Admissions
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Committee on Admissions (COA)



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Michigan State University Clinical Center



Liesel Copeland, PhD
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NEGSA Rep.
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Judianne Kellaway, MD, MEd
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Leila E Harrison, PhD, MA, MEd
(November 2020 – November 2023)
WGSA Rep.
Washington State University
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Marcia Verduin, MD
(November 2021 – November 2022)
GSA National Vice Chair
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Dimple Patel, MS
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COSDA Liaison
Twin Cities Campus
University of Minnesota Medical
School



Michael Deibel, PhD
(July 2020 – July 2022)
President, NAAHP
Earlham College



Kia Smurawa
(May 2021 – May 2023)
OSR Rep.- MD Student
Medical College of Wisconsin

Updates on ongoing Projects and Activities

- **Advocacy and Social Justice in Medical School Admissions Working Group– *Joel Maurer, MD***
- **COA-AAC The Premed Experience – *Liesel Copeland, PhD and Judianne Kellaway, MD, MEd, FACS***
- **Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era- *Judianne Kellaway, MD, MEd, FACS***
- **Self Reported Disadvantage WG – *Leila Harrison, PhD, MA, MEd***
- **COSDA – *Dimple Patel***
- **OSR – *Kia Smurawa***
- **GSA SC – *Marcy Verduin, MD***
- **NAAHP – *Michael Deibel, Ph.D***

Advocacy and Social Justice in Medical School Admissions Working Group

Joel Maurer, MD (CGSA)

2020-21 COA Survey Review

Surveyed admissions deans/directors, 62/157 (40%) responded

- *45% - admissions processes place a high level of importance on applicant experiences in advocacy and social justice issues
- *69% - supported adding “Advocacy and Social Justice Experiences” as a category
- *58% - were unsure if their admissions process would change to provide additional (new or existing) weighted consideration

2021 GSA/OSR spring meeting – attendees expressed interest in allowing for subcategories to describe applicant experiences.

Social Justice Working Group

Marlene Ballejos – U. of New Mexico

Glen Fogerty – U. of Arizona-Phoenix

Judianne Kellaway – UT Health, San Antonio

Pasquale Manzerra – U. of South Dakota

Tejal Parikh – U. of Arizona-Tucson

Dimple Patel – U. of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Liesel Copeland – Rutgers, RWJ

Leila Harrison – Washington State U.

Latanya Love – UT Health, Houston

Joel Maurer - Michigan State U.

Valerie Parkas – Mount Sinai

Sandra Quezada – U. of Maryland

AAMC COA Website

Admissions Research: Using your Secondary Application and/or Interviews to Assess a Motivational Relationship Between Applicant Experiences and Attributes and Systemic Societal Inequities and Injustices

<https://www.aamc.org/media/54911/download?attachment>

Poll Question 1

Were you aware that this resource was available to help inspire secondary and/or interview questions?

Yes

No

Please send any constructive feedback about this resource to maurerj7@msu.edu.

Surveying current applicants/students

Survey current applicant pool about additional categories of

- 1) social justice,**
- 2) advocacy, and/or**
- 3) civic engagement.**

Also surveying about opportunity to use subcategories to describe experiences.

Poll Question 2

Would it help your respective institutional application process if the AMCAS application expanded the list of activity categories to include social justice +/- advocacy or civic engagement (or some other mechanism to allow applicants to highlight life experiences and personal character as it relates to this topic)?

Yes

No

Poll Question 3

Would it help your respective institutional application process if the AMCAS application allowed for a primary experiential category and 1 or 2 subcategories?

Yes

No

The Premed Experience

Liesel Copeland, PhD (NEGSA)
and Judianne Kellaway, MD
(SGSA)

The Premed Experience

- **Project began in 2020**
- **Addressed concerns from Premed and HP Advisor Communities**
- **Collected, Curated and Answered FAQs in several areas**
- **Distribution in several venues, through AAMC**

The Premed Experience

- **Shared document with AAMC**
- **Planned integration with pre-med navigator resources and other dissemination methods**
- **New webinar series regarding MCAT with M1 student presenters planned**

Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era

- **Admissions community anticipated variance from previous “norms”**
- **Saw differences in coursework, grading, experiences**
- **Has this translated into noticeable or significant changes in our recent medical students?**

Poll 4: Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era

Have you seen changes in the medical student competencies of your students recently?

- **Haven't heard or noticed anything**
- **Have heard some reports, but about the same as previous**
- **Students do seem to possess different levels of competencies than in past cohorts**
- **Other/Provide examples**

Poll 5: Differences in Matriculants in Peri-pandemic Era

What are your ideas about how COA should proceed?

- **No action necessary, not a significant issue**
- **Gather information from other constituents to study**
- **Other**

AMCAS Self-Reported Disadvantaged (SRD) Question Working Group

Working group membership: AAMC Team and Members from AMCAS
Advisory Committee and Committee on Admissions

Leila Harrison, PhD, MA, MEd (WGSA)

Project Background

- **2019/2020: AMCAS Advisory Committee received feedback from applicants and schools**
- **Research findings from a dissertation study**

Qualitative Data
Summers of 2019, 2020, 2021

Literature Review
•20 papers reviewed

Interviews with Admissions Officers
•Summer 2019, 10 interviews
•Summer 2020, 29 interviews

Interviews with Medical School Applicants
•Summer 2021, 15 interviews

Quantitative Data
Summer – Fall 2020

AMCAS data

- Subset of AMCAS data from 2017 – 2019
- N = 134,317 unique individuals
- Variables relating to the following categories:
 - Demographics (e.g., race/ethnicity, age, gender)
 - Citizenship / Residence (e.g., immigration status, rural)
 - Experiences (e.g., military, work)
 - Financial / Family History (e.g., SES, family circumstances)

Key Findings (not comprehensive)

Literature Review

- What does “disadvantaged” mean?
- How do admissions committees use?

Applicants

- Unclear definition of disadvantaged
- What to include?
- Purpose in the process?

Admissions Officers

- Want descriptions of kinds of hardships; more info
- Concerns: no clear definition or guidelines; stigma attached to “disadvantaged”

AMCAS Data

- Those who self-reported had higher rates of:
 - Financial hardship
 - First Gen
 - Living in rural areas

Outcomes

Revisions to:

- **Question name**
- **Question Introduction**
 - **Provides more clarity around whether applies**
- **Question Guideline**
 - **Will provide broader examples and writing instructions**

Implementation Goal: EY 2024 Cycle

More details will be forthcoming once through all final approvals

OSR Update

- **New OSR Chair-Elect and National Delegates**
- **Confusion over the GSA-CiM-OSR National Meeting in Denver and Registration**
 - **When and how to sign up**
 - **First in-person event for most student representatives**
- **February 16th webinar about the implications of STEP 1 becoming Pass/Fail**

AAMC Updates

Brandon Hunter

Director of Student Affairs

Academic Home for Learners, Educators & Professional Staff

Tami Levin

Director of Premedical and Applicant Resources

Transforming the Health Care Workforce

Virtual Medical School Fair – April 19th



- April 19, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET
- \$350/booth (early bird through Feb 28).
- Registration ends April 1, 2022.
- Booth reps can initiate private chat, audio chat, video chat w/ attendees
- Direct access to:
 - Booth data/analytics
 - Upload content
 - Add unlimited booth reps



- Several free information sessions for attendees
- Comp booths for student groups:
 - Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS)
 - Mentoring in Medicine
 - Tour4Diversity
 - Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)
- ~50 booths already registered



Resources and Upcoming Events

- **AAMC Situational Judgment Test: A review of 2021 highlights, data, and what's new in 2022 (recording available)**

- **AMCAS Cycle Updates and Preparing for the Choose Your Medical School Tool (recording available)**

- **AAMC Student Surveys update webinar**
 - **March 30th 1:30-2:30 pm EST (registration coming soon)**

- **AAMC PREview professional readiness exam (formerly SJT) update webinar**
 - **March 31st 2-3:00 pm EST (registration coming soon)**

2022

Group on Student Affairs (GSA), Careers in Medicine (CiM),
and Organization of Student Representatives (OSR)
National Meeting



Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
Denver, Colorado

April 7, 2022 - April 9, 2022



Register Now!

Early Bird pricing ends March 1



Ongoing Impacts of Covid-19: Medical School Admissions Survey

Lina Mehta, MD (COA Chair)

Does your school host a Second Look?



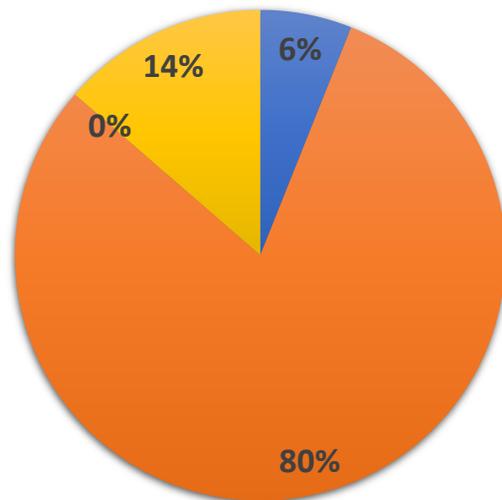
■ Yes ■ No

If yes, how will you adjust your Second Look for students entering school in AY 2022-23?



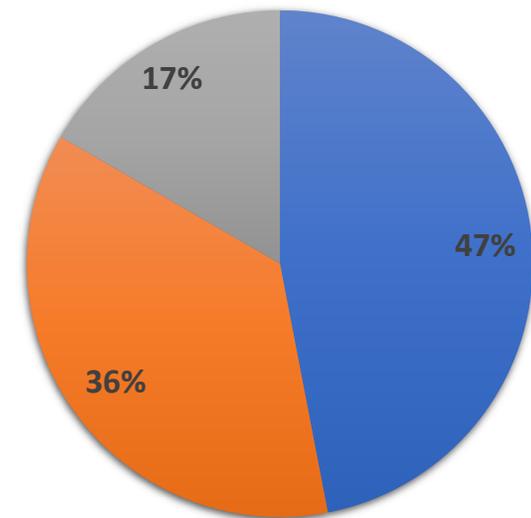
- Delay the event until a later date
- Conduct a virtual event
- Hybrid: with large group virtual event and optional small group in-person tours/activities
- Undecided
- Other

What is your admissions committee leaning towards for your AY 2022-23 interviews?



- At the medical school/on-site interviews
- Virtual interviews
- Multiple virtual interviews to narrow the pool for on-site final interview
- Other

When will your admissions committee finalize their decision on the interview policy for AY 2022-23?



- By May 2022
- By summer of 2022
- Undecided

OPEN DISCUSSION

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