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The Group on Student Affairs (GSA) Serving the Needs of Medical Student Diversity:

An Overview of the GSA-Committee on Student Diversity Affairs and the Community of Student Diversity Affairs Representative
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Medical School Mission-Related Goals

• Meet the nations health needs
• Address racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare
• Broaden & strengthen healthcare research
• Supply professionals that meet patients needs

• Our diversity efforts likely are matched to mission-related goals
LCME Standards

3.3 Diversity/Pipeline Programs and Partnerships:

A medical school has effective policies and practices in place, and engages in ongoing, systematic, and focused recruitment and retention activities, to achieve mission-appropriate diversity outcomes among its students, faculty, senior administrative staff, and other relevant members of its academic community. These activities include the use of programs and/or partnerships aimed at achieving diversity among qualified applicants for medical school admission and the evaluation of program and partnership outcomes.
AAMC: Group on Student Affairs

The purpose of the Group on Student Affairs (GSA) is to advance medical education and, specifically, to represent the interests of medical schools and medical students in the areas of admissions, student affairs, financial aid, diversity affairs, and student records.

Committee on Admissions
Committee on Student Diversity Affairs
Committee on Student Affairs
Committee on Student Financial Assistance
Committee on Student Records
Committee on Student Diversity Affairs

**COSDA** provides guidance on medical student diversity, on a local, regional, and national basis, with respect to student recruitment, admissions, retention and graduation.

We wish to address diversity in its widest sense.
COSDA Mission

Mission: Improve the health of our diverse nation.

Strategic Initiatives:

- Promote racial and ethnic diversity in the physician workforce and medical education;
- Develop diverse leadership;
- Develop reciprocal communications among Student Diversity Affairs Representatives, COSDA members, GSA, GDI, the AAMC, and external organizations that address minority issues;
- Increase collaboration within the AAMC.

(https://www.aamc.org/members/gsa/committees_gsa/coda/251300/codamission.html)
Origin of COSDA

1975-2009
• Minority Affairs Section

2009
• Group on Diversity and Inclusion
• Committee on Diversity Affairs

2013
• Committee on Student Diversity Affairs
Responsibilities

• Provide leadership on the development and implementation of effective diversity practices

• Lead point of contact on:
  • medical student diversity
  • outreach and pipeline programs
  • recruitment, admissions, retention
  • counseling

• Academic programming on:
  • racial and ethnic diversity and the under-served from different geographic and socio-economic backgrounds,
  • LGBT community
  • disabled and others with special needs
Membership

Student Diversity Affairs Institutional Representative

- Designated by Deans

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Regional Issues

Opportunity to connect on specific issues:

- Shared concerns common among institutions
  - i.e. Medical Spanish, climate issues among similar institutions, recruiting issues common in a region of the country, etc
- Collective wisdom of the whole
  - Connections to scholarship, allies, resources, and strategize
- Comparable data – are there folks who are utilizing comparative data who might be willing to share (headcount, climate)?
Examples of COSDA’s Impact

Initiatives of Impact:

• COSDA sponsored webinars:
  • IRS (Information Resource Series) with 7 webinars around students with disabilities
  • White Coats for Black Lives
  • Understanding Med-Mar
  • Mitigating Stereotype Threat in Medical Education

• Artemis Medical Society and curricular innovation

• White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
Engagement

Connecting with Student Diversity Affairs Offices:

- Emails to the region
- Connecting at the regional/GSA meetings
- Targeted communication with individuals
- Additional webinars? Conference calls on specific diversity or program issues (LCME 3.3 or medical Spanish, for example)?
Other ideas for engaging institutions

- Climate assessment issues – utilizing existing data from GQ, Y2Q; developing an assessment strategy (questions and metrics; analysis and utilization strategy)

- Cultural competence curricular innovations and ideas

- Specific identity issues for study (race and whiteness; gender identity/expression; LGBT; ability; religion; etc.)

- LCME 3.3 – lessons learned and successful strategies
What is the GSA Performance Framework?

The GSA Performance Framework sets the benchmark of performance excellence and distinguishes the importance of student affairs in medical education as a profession. It outlines critical behaviors essential for successful performance and career progression, inclusive of all roles and functions across the GSA community, in alignment with the LCME standards.

The Framework consists of four components:

- **GSA Core Values and Guiding Principles**: Define what is most important to the GSA community and set a guidepost for how professionals should strive to perform their work.
- **Common Areas**: Four (4) areas of critical behaviors essential for successful performance for all student affairs professionals, regardless of specific titles, roles, and services provided.
- **Areas of Expertise**: Eight (8) areas of more technical critical behaviors essential for successful performance unique to specific roles, functions, and services provided.
- **Benchmarks**: Three (3) distinct groupings of critical behaviors, ranging from tactical to strategic, that span across Common Areas and Areas of Expertise within the Framework. Each benchmark aligns with typical roles present across student affairs functions in medical education.

View the GSA Performance Framework Overview for a more detailed overview and the GSA Performance Framework for the entire Framework with in-depth Area descriptions and critical behaviors.

How can I best use the Framework?

The Framework was developed to complement and enhance current professional development practices and results for all GSA professionals and the larger community. Let’s look at various roles to see how you may benefit most from the Framework and achieve the results you want.

As a Professional impacting your performance and career:

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Professional Development

GSA Professional Competencies:

- Student Diversity and Inclusion as an area of expertise
- Represents critical behaviors as well as opportunity to illuminate areas of future growth
- Describes benchmarks so that skills and development can be assessed iteratively
- Opportunity to highlight content experts and the journey
Stay Connected – GSA-COSDA Website

https://www.aamc.org/members/gsa/committees_gsa/coda/
Student Diversity Affairs Listserv

Friday Announcements and Opportunities

- Articles of Interest
- Opportunities for Students
- Opportunities for Professionals and Students
- Previous Announcements, Important Deadlines and More
- Inside the AAMC
- Listserv for Student Diversity Affairs Officers
gsadiversityaffairsreps@lists.aamc.org
Checklist

- Identify diversity reps at your school
- Develop networks at your school
- Admissions, students affairs, financial aid, student records
- Develop networks outside your school
  - Identify regional representative
  - Contact regional rep and introduce yourself
  - Look for emails
  - Attend conferences
Questions

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• Supporting your students' request for accommodations on high stakes exams
  • May 12, 2016 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

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