

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2022 12:00 – 1:00 PM

HMEB 460 / Zoom

Attendance: Shireen Madani-Sims, Mitsy Audante, Olivia Etienne, CJ Arcalas, Eryk Hernandez, Sonile Peck, Jim Gorske

Recording: Monica Beyrouiti

Begin: 12:00 pm

1. MS 1st Year

- First year students finished their systems exam. Students feel supported after remediation, however, before remediation students are seeking more support. Live review sessions are offered to the whole class by tutors. Attendance to the sessions is low therefore Mr. Gorske will attempt to modify the Cardio review session format to hybrid for the last two weeks, adding a Q&A portion. Review sessions for Respiratory, Cardio, and Anatomy are scheduled. An affordable resource for studying systems is Exam Masters on the Health Science Center Library website.
- Tutors are available at generally no cost for students at 80% or below in a course or other circumstances. It is difficult to use quizzes to identify where a student stands in the course. Students utilize the formative quizzes to determine high-yield topics. It was suggested to send a poll to the class asking for their thoughts on the review sessions, how students use the quizzes, and how they prepare for systems courses.

2. Diversity MS 1st Year

- Students are working with administrative faculty on implementing changes to the race and ethnicity calculations and pulmonary functions testing.

3. MS 2nd Year

- Second year students will be taking Step 1 exams throughout April. This is the first class using the pass/fail grading scale. Many students have changed their exam dates, due to feeling unprepared. The messaging on when to start studying for Step 1 was mixed. Longitude preparation is required for taking the Step 1 Exam. Resources being used include First Aid USMLE Step 1 Book and Sketchy for pharmacology.
- It was suggested to hold a review session for the entire class covering practice exam questions before students enter dedicated study time. Another suggestion was to hold periodic study sessions throughout the first and second years to learn multi-system integration.
- The shelf exam is not in the MSPE Dean's Letter.

4. MS 3rd Year

- Third year students are inquiring about career guidance for 4th year. Students have been meeting with Dr. Madani and Dr. Collins for career advising. The Office of Student Affairs is waiting for Match data to be released to guide specific specialties. There has been a shift in residency programs' competitiveness. Dr. Dede will host a session on personal statements and letters of recommendation. Faculty members are also developing pathway roadmaps for each specialty. These pathways will offer students guidance on courses, away rotations, research, and volunteering.

Meeting adjourned: 1:04 pm