



PPSC Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 1st, 2021

Attendees:

Margaret Crownover, President

Neelufar Franklin, SVP

Daniel Hochster, VP of Finance

Ella Grinstein, VP of Communications

Mary Mortensen, VP of Professional Development

Kat Slagell, VP of Community Outreach

Paul IZard, VP of Medical Specialty Groups

Annabel Sen, VP of MSF Outreach

Hannah Ressinger, VP of MSF Operations

Ashley Moody-Astwood, GS Advisor

Dean Allen, Postbac Program Advisor

Absent: Elaine Tseng, VP of Social Engagement (Excused)

I. President & SVP Update

A. Welcomed Mary Mortensen, VP of Professional Development

B. Voted in agreement of 2021 PPSC Goals summarized below (also will be posted on website)

1. Improve PPSC visibility—reintroduce PPSC in a newly branded way. This includes: open forums, activities fairs, and Public Health & Crisis speaker series.
2. Improve GS funding in alignment with Dean's office and advocate effectively for Postbac Students' finances.
3. Full implementation & successful transition of PPSC restructuring and committee rollout including: streamlined standards and organized, open communication with auxiliary groups. Build out postbac events calendar & keep master calendar up-to-date.
4. Bring out the "best of" the postbac program.

C. Club Refuel

1. 4 Members from PPSC must participate along with 2 members of each Auxiliary Group
 - a) 4 Members from PPSC: Margaret, Neelufar, Kat, Daniel

D. VPs of Committees (Events-Based)

1. Set up committee meetings if you have not already
2. Ensure and confirm that Auxiliary Club leaders have one semester completed and have had GPA checks
3. Determine goals and mission and finalize event schedule; Send to Neelufar
4. Each committee must have **at least** 4 events per semester
 - a) Events include: socials, speaker events, programming partnerships with nonprofit
 - b) Meet and greets do not qualify as events

E. VPs of Committees (NOT Events-Based)

1. Send Neelufar an email with 3 goals and committee mission statement by Friday, October 8th

F. Master Calendar

1. Limit editing access to PPSC VPs and executives to mitigate any confusion/issues
2. VP of each committee can edit and add events or go through Ella to add events to the calendar

G. Speaker Series Update/Confirmed Interest in Participation, Topic, and Date Proposed

1. Dr. Denali Fernando / Trauma Impact on Vulnerable Populations / November 4th 2021
 - a) Zoom
2. Mike Wessells / Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Settings: Holistic, Culturally Grounded Approaches / January 27th 2022
3. Dr. Noe Romo / Gun Violence and Medicine (to confirm topic) / December 9th 2021
 - a) Zoom

H. Postbac alumni relations contacted Margaret to discuss collaborating on events

1. Scheduled meeting for next week. Will follow-up with updates.

II. VP Finance Update

A. Update on budgets

1. Proposed budget presented, will be voted on at future meeting
2. Left Fall Orientation Party in budget although it is likely not happening
 - a) May have smaller mixers/events instead
3. Many events are over budgeted
4. Events are more expensive because of COVID (ex. Individual packaging of food items)
5. May want to discuss raising student life fees due to limited funds
6. High amount of rollover from last year due to cancelled events
 - a) Have done fundraising in the past for additional funds/rollover
7. Paul's BMWC Screening Event
 - a) Request will be approved
 - b) Can purchase in advance and select dates for screening

B. Update on Auxiliary Club Budgets

1. Have not received proposed budgets from several auxiliary clubs
2. HICCUP
 - a) Requested large budget for a new club
 - b) Has clear plan and events that allocate where money is going
 - c) Will co sponsor Speaker Series
3. Emergency Medicine Club
 - a) Requested large budget for one event
4. Social Justice Medicine
 - a) Request budget with no planned events
 - b) Asked for similar amount spent in the past
5. Will ask for further details before approving budget requests and vote at a later meeting
6. Clubs can request flex funds if their initial budget request does not cover spending

III. VP Community Outreach Update

A. Committee Updates

1. Working on continued efforts reaching out to organizations

B. New Zoning for Accessibility Legislation Presentation

1. Zoning for Accessibility legislation created in partnership with the MTA, New York City Department of City Planning, and the NYC

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities will pass (passed) the City Council vote and is now law

- a) Legislation requires developers to work with the MTA to determine if an easement in their new building will be of use for later construction of an elevator to service the MTA
2. Columbia's Manhattanville Campus
 - a) Started construction that is exempt from this law
 - b) Has many issues regarding accessibility access that could be improved at an additional cost
3. Voted yes to publish a letter to the Columbia Spectator cosigned by the PPSC
 - a) Will initiate a petition for students and host informative events on the issue
 - b) Executive programming

IV. VP Social Engagement Update (Absent- Excused)

- A. Will meet with Margaret to discuss committee and programming updates

V. VP Communications Update

A. Website

- I. Looking for a website manager

B. Social Media

- I. Hired a social media manager, Kayla Kostroske, to help with PPSC social media pages and branding events

C. Weekly Newsletter

- I. Send any additional ideas you have for the newsletter or things you would like to see more of

D. Attendance Announcement

- I. Please inform Ella, Margaret, or Neelufar if you are going to be late or absent at any PPSC Board meeting
 - a) Attendance is mandatory
 - b) If you have any commitments (ex. Work, School, etc.) please notify one of us so that we can accommodate your schedule and work out a plan

VI. VP Medical Specialties Update

A. Programming Update

- I. Documentary Screening
 - a) Virtual screening of Black Men in White Coats (BMWC)
 - b) October 22nd-24th 2021

- (1) Open for 48 hour period for up to 300 people
 - 2. Documentary Discussion
 - a) Friday, October 29th @ 5:00pm EST (Virtual)
 - b) Guest Speakers
 - (1) Tito IZard, MD
 - (2) Raymond Carlos Givens, MD
 - (3) David Edmund Antesy, MD, MPH
- VII. VP Medical School Fair Operations & VP Medical School Fair Outreach Update**
 - A. Still working on what Medical School Fair will look like
 - B. Sent out emails this week to gauge interest in attending an in person event
 - 1. Sent to 72 Medical School representatives
 - a) Have received around 25 responses so far
 - b) Most respondents have said they would be interested in attending an in person event depending on what happens with COVID
 - c) Will re-evaluate and continue to meet with team as more responses come in to think about next steps
 - 2. Biggest hurdle may be getting Columbia to approve an in person event
 - C. If there are too many complications, we will have an amazing Virtual Medical School Fair!