

**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT LIFE
MINUTES OF MEETING
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March 19, 2015

A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Empire Room B of the Hershey Lodge, Hershey, Pennsylvania, at 1:30 p.m. on March 19, 2015.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Abe Harpster, Bill Oldsey, Allie Goldstein, Ryan McCombie, Alice Pope, and Pedro Rivera.

Representatives Jennifer Blew and Anand Ganjam were present, along with staff members Nick Jones, Rob Pangborn, and Ann Zirkle. Also in attendance were Graduate and Professional Student Association President Danielle Rhubarb; Penn State College of Medicine faculty members Dwight Davis, Milind Kothari, and Terry Wolpaw; and Penn State College of Medicine students Eunice Chen, Mark Goerlitz-Jessen, and Elena Nehrbass.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harpster at 1:34 p.m. The *Minutes* of the January 15, 2015 meeting of the Committee were approved.

The Committee reviewed two action items which were unanimously recommended for full board approval:

A proposal to establish the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in the College of Engineering (effective immediately);

A proposal to change the name of the Department of Women's Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts to the Department of Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the College of the Liberal Arts (effective immediately)

The Committee then reviewed a proposed administrative appointment, and unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves President Eric J. Barron's appointment of Andrew L. Sears to the position of Dean of the College of Information Sciences and Technology effective July 1, 2015.

Chairman Harpster called on Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost, and Rob Pangborn, Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education, for remarks to the Committee.

Rob Pangborn provided an update on the 2015 admissions cycle; tuition structures; international and state demographic comparisons; and culminating events related to Undergraduate Research programs. Additionally, he shared information about the Erickson Discovery Grant Program which is available to students beginning in the summer of 2015.

Nick Jones provided an update on meetings of the Strategic Plan working groups. Additionally, he reported that he is beginning his second rotation of Commonwealth Campus visits; the first rotation was completed during his first 18 months in office, beginning in July 2013.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Anand Ganjam, and Graduate and Professional Student Association President Danielle Rhubarb provided a Student Governance Report for the academic year 2014-2015. It should be noted that Council of Commonwealth Student Government President John Shaffer was also invited, but unable to attend. Highlights of the report included student-driven initiatives in University governance; tuition and finance; student health; and legislative outreach. Executive summaries for each of the student governing bodies were also included.

The Committee received a presentation from students currently enrolled in the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine. Eunice Chen, Mark Goerlitz-Jessen, and Elena Nehrbass, provided a well-round overview of the medical college student experience, including curriculum, clinical skill development, career advising, clubs and organizations, and individual health and wellness.

Finally, the Committee discussed ways to mitigate annual tuition increases following a proposal made by Trustee Pope to consider a motion that would establish a zero percent tuition increase across the University.

The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. No Executive Session of the Committee was required.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Zirkle
Administrative Support Coordinator,
Office of the Board of Trustees

Penn State

Student Governance Report

2014-2015 Year in Review

Anand Ganjam, President, *University Park Undergraduate Association*
Danielle Rhubart, President, *Graduate and Professional Student Association*
John Shaffer, President, *Council of Commonwealth Student Governments*

Student Government Structure



UPUA
Your Student Government



Collaborative Initiatives & Advocacy

- University Governance
- Tuition & Finance
- Student Health
- Legislative Outreach

University Governance

- Town Hall Forums with Dr. Barron
- University Strategic Plan Focus Group Sessions
- Trustee Town Hall Panel
- Codified Student-Selected Trustee



Tuition & Finance

- Facilities Fee Advisory Committee
- Student Activity Fee Board
- Commission on Student Fees



Student Activity Fee Tier Proposal	
Commonwealth Tier	University Park Tier
Voting based on Commonwealth Campus Needs	Voting based on University Park Needs

Tuition & Finance

- **Student Engagement with University Budget**
 - Student on PDRB
 - Student Budget Advisory Committee
 - Involvement with Appropriations Request
 - Budget.psu.edu Recommendations



Student Health

- Student Health Insurance Task Force
- Mental Health
- Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness



JANUARY 29, 2015 AT 5:40 AM

CAPS to Help About 20 Percent More Students This Year

By Mindy Szkaradnik

After receiving \$300,000 extra in funding at the beginning of this academic year, CAPS is on track to help about 20 percent more students than in previous years.

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Legislative Outreach

- **Capital Day**
 - Steps for State
 - Drive for Strive
 - Student Platform



UPUA Year End Executive Summary

Academics

- Open Educational Resources
- Crediting Student Leadership
- Online Syllabi Archive
- Excused Absences for Interviews

Governmental Affairs

- Voter Registration
- Increased Downtown Lighting
- Student Borough Advisory Committee



UPUA Year End Executive Summary

Student Life

- Diversity Report
- Mental Health/Sexual Assault Awareness Weeks
- Student Death Memorials
- Expanded Finals Week Parking Hours

Executive Initiatives

- Roundtable-based Governance
- Virtual Involvement/Q&A Sessions
- Transitioning Webmail to 3rd Party Provider



**DIVERSITY
& INCLUSION
REPORT 2015**

CCSG Year End Executive Summary

Academic Initiatives:

- Gen Ed. reform focus groups
- Course Watchlist Changes
- Grade Replacement

Student Affairs:

- Smoking policy change
- International student recommendations
- Diversity Summit



CCSG Year End Executive Summary

Governmental Affairs:

- Drive to Strive Petition
- Campus legislator visits

Outreach:

- Website redesign
- Commonwealth Day of Service
- The Councilor



GPSA Year End Executive Summary

Outreach:

- Orientations
- Tours
- Newswire

Student Health:

- Student Health Insurance Contract
- Health Insurance FAQ Document
- Financial Literacy & Health Care Workshop Series

Student Concerns:

- Emergency Funding
- Campus Lighting Survey



GPSA Year End Executive Summary

Professional Development

- Thesis and Dissertation Boot Camp

Student Life Development & Networking Opportunities:

- Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week
- Collaborative & Family Friendly Tailgating Events
- Grad Cup
- Coffee Hours
- Winter Gala



Penn State Student Governance Report: 2014-2015 Year in Review

Questions?



UPUA
Your Student Government



What is PSCOM doing
to help reduce burn-out
within the student body?



PSCOM Curriculum: an ongoing evolution

Out with the old.....



In with the new.....



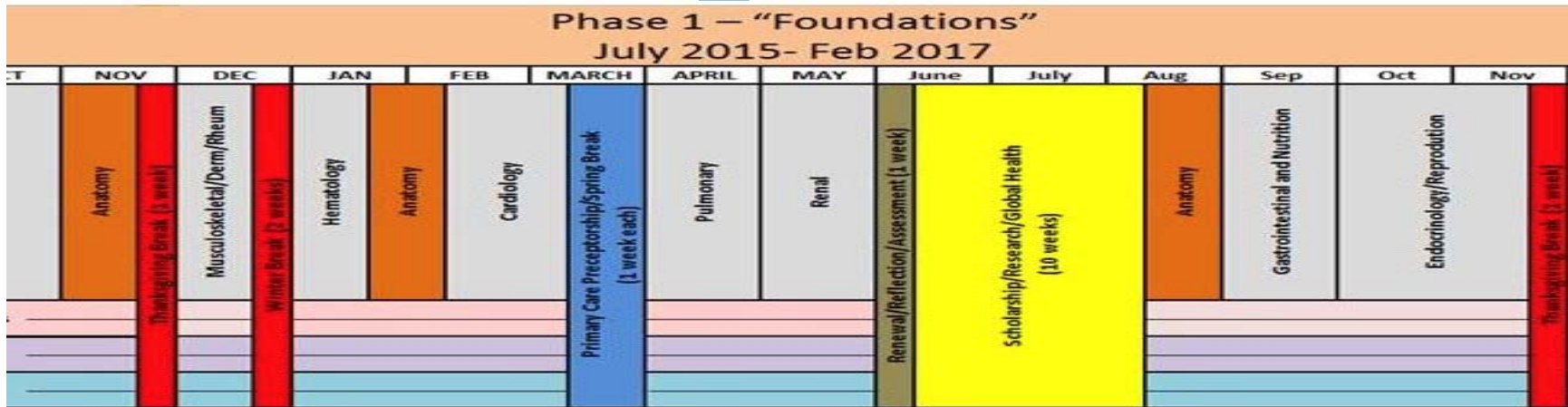
Student centered and self-directed



Integration, balance and increased clinical experience

Humanities (patient project, ethics etc.)
Systems of healthcare
Clinical Skills (FPCC)

Clinical skills sessions
Primary Care Preceptorship
Early start to 3rd year

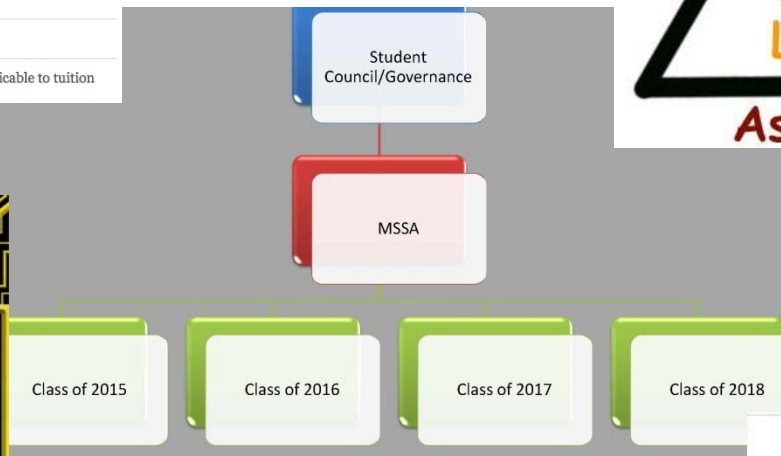
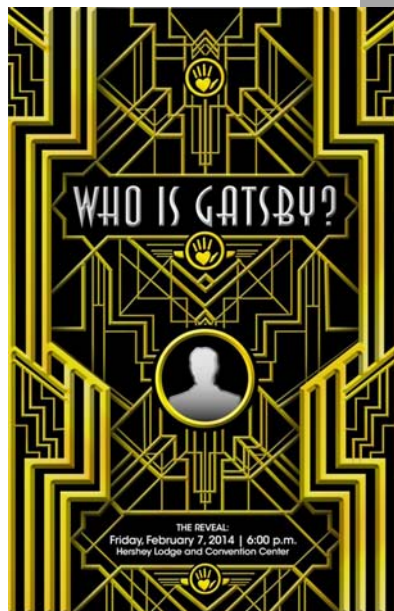
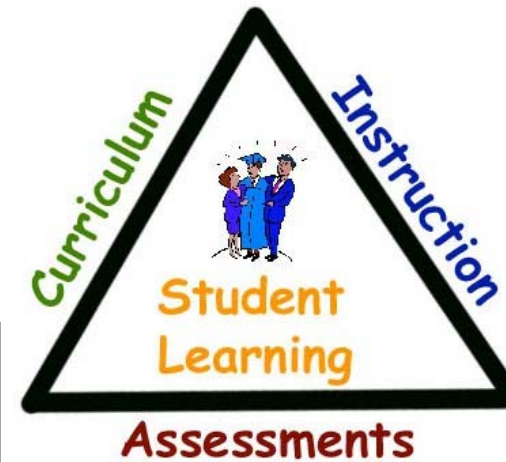


Student Government

Application Timeline

Timetable for Application and Acceptance

Submission of AMCAS application:	Earliest date: June 1 Latest date: November 15
Submission of Secondary Application and letters of recommendation:	Earliest Date: After e-mail notification Latest Date: January 15
Secondary Application fee:	\$80 (submitted with Secondary Application, nonrefundable and not applicable to tuition)
Acceptance notice to regular applicants:	Earliest date: October 15 Latest date: Until class is filled
Applicant's response to acceptance offer:	Maximum time: Two weeks
Deposit to hold place in class:	\$100 nonrefundable after April 30, applicable to tuition



Penn State College of Medicine Class of 2016 APPAREL SALE

Study and hydrate in style with new and exciting PENN STATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE apparel!

¾ ZIP SWEATSHIRT
Colors available: Navy, charcoal, maroon **\$38**

WATER BOTTLE **\$12**

Don't miss out! Place your order ONLINE today at:
<http://goo.gl/lq5uYt> ← Type this into your browser manually!

Please drop off payment in Office of Medical Student Affairs (C1802) by **MARCH 6, 2015**

Questions? Email ethau@hmc.psu.edu

Please make checks payable to: **PSCOM class of 2016**

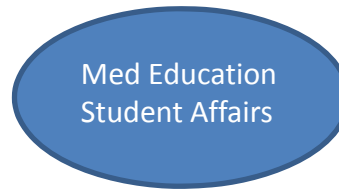
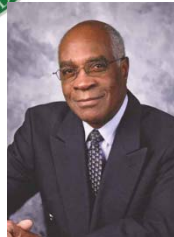
- Medical students spend the majority of their time intensely studying as the curriculum is very demanding.
- Numerous studies have shown that nurturing and mentoring students through their education helps motivate them further towards a rewarding career in medicine. This may allow them to expand their medical knowledge, improve their clinical skills, and self-reflect for professional growth.

George T. Harrell's Societies Learning Communities

Structured model for clinical
skills and advising



Infrastructure for a supportive
academic environment



Create a wellness program
for students



Provide students w/ a structured
contiguous relationship,
professional role models, and
guidance

PSCOM Careers in Medicine

Early exposure to different specialties

- Career fair
- Short video interview series with Hershey program directors
- Shadowing Opportunities
- MSR Opportunities

Residency Applications

- Mock interviews
- Review of personal statements
- National registry consisting of alumni advice

USMLE Preparation

- Student led review sessions

Students being proactive and making well-informed career decisions

Awareness about resources such as AAMC Careers in Medicine and FREIDA Online

Careers in Medicine



**CiM MS4
Celebration Dinner**

Monday, May 11th | 6-8pm
UFC Tent

PENNSTATE
 Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
College of Medicine

Student Organizations

Global Brigades

Kiss Hershey Back

Food as Medicine

Military Medicine Interest Group

Multicultural Awareness Club

Nittany Running Society

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Pulse

THON



Student Interest Groups and Events




February 2015 Student Movie Presentation
Sponsored by the Departments of Humanities, Family & Community Medicine, Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute

Ken Burns Presents
CANCER
A FILM BY **BARAK GOODMAN**

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book:
THE EMPEROR OF ALL MALADIES
Written by: Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee

This film tells the complete story of cancer, from its first description in an ancient Egyptian scroll to the gleaming laboratories of modern research institutions. At six hours, the film intertwines a sweeping historical narrative, with intimate stories about contemporary patients; and an investigation into the latest scientific breakthroughs that may have brought us, at long last, to the brink of lasting cures.

MEET THE PRODUCER & DIRECTOR



Barak Goodman
Co-founder of Ark Media and a principal producer, director, and writer with the company. His films for Ark Media have been nominated for an Academy Award and won multiple Emmys and Writers Guild Awards, the DuPont-Columbia, and Peabody Awards, the NYK Journalism Prize, and have been official selections at the Sundance Film Festival.

Join us for a 60 min **EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW** followed by a Panel Conversation with Barak Goodman and the Parents of Cancer Survivor, Emily Whitehead




February 12, 2015
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
JUNKER AUDITORIUM

Ground floor, Penn State Hershey Medical Center
500 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

This event is free and open to the public.
RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wif-cancer>

For more info email: [Kate@wif-cancer.com](mailto:kate@wif-cancer.com)
or call the Department of Humanities at (717)531-8178

Watch the movie trailer on the Humanities website: med.psu.edu/humanities
or visit: <http://cancerfilms.org>



Back to the basic principles

- Nutrition
- Rest and sleep
- Exercise
- Relationships
- Work
- Fun

Penn State College of Medicine Wellness Program



The Mission of the PSCOM Wellness Program is to:

- Promote and incentivize wellness-related opportunities and activities
- Create an environment that encourages and supports work-life balance and provides varied opportunities for students to maintain physical, spiritual, community, and social balance
- Ensure that students have a means of pursuing their hobbies and interests by offering diverse programming
- Facilitate interdisciplinary participation and foster interclass participation among PSCOM students



What are Wellness Points??

Students should be motivated to get out and enjoy life, even during medical school!! Reward = Wellness Points



Society Cup Weekend 2014

- Sports – soccer, dodgeball, softball, volleyball, basketball, Ultimate frisbee, relay race, picnic games
- Cooking competition, Art show, show, trivia night
- Wellness Fair

