SGA Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2010
5:30pm; Conference Room, 6th floor of Lions Building

I. Meeting called to order by Ryan Vega

II. Executive Board Reports
   a. Ryan Vega – President
      i. The SGA executive board met 3 times in the last 2 months to discuss the goals and direction of the upcoming year.
      ii. An Ad Hoc Committee on Social Networking has been established. It is composed of 10-12 faculty members and students
         1. The AMA recently published a study that found that 80% of professional students misuse, according to residency directing program guidelines, social networking sites like Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter.
         2. The New England Journal of Medicine also published a study stating that physicians and medical students misuse social media.
         3. LSUHSC currently does not have a policy on use of social media.
         4. The new committee hopes to publish a list of recommendations for students to follow when dealing with social media and networking. These recommendations and guidelines will be based on residency programs and current policies at other medical institutions. (More info in Executive VP Danny Eads’ report below)
      iii. One of SGA’s goals this year is to work with Elliot Hardy to get the Proteges program reestablished.
      iv. SGA will also be looking at a third/fourth year scheduling software called Oasis that will simplify the process of scheduling rotations and submitting evaluations online.
      v. The online survey that was sent out this past summer brought to light many concerns that were never made aware to last year’s SGA.
         1. One specific student concern that was voiced includes the need for longer Starbucks hours and better variety in vending options.
            a. SGA does not have the capability to implement such changes because those items are under contract by facilities, and we do not have the power to negotiate those terms. In order to help alleviate some of this stress, SGA will be stocking the student lounge with coffee, chips, and snacks around test weeks.
         2. In order to more efficiently deal with current student concerns or dissatisfaction from this point on, students are highly encouraged to go to the new SGA website and submit any concerns/problems either publicly or anonymously.
            a. The SGA website: http://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/sga/
            b. Go to the “ABOUT” tab → click on “CONTACT US” → send a message that will go directly into Ryan Vega’s inbox
            c. Responses to these concerns will be addressed by either Ryan Vega or the appropriate executive officer in the “Responses to Anonymous Student Concerns” in the “FORUM” section of the website.
b. Danny Eads – Executive VP
   i. Danny is the student leader/liaison of the Ad Hoc Committee on Social Networking
      1. The committee met last week to develop a list of questions and goals that it wants to address.
      2. As soon as the committee establishes clear guidelines and recommendations, it will email these updates to the student body. A section on the SGA website will also be developed to publish these policies.
      3. Feel free to email Ryan Vega (rvega@lsuhsc.edu) or Danny Eads (deads@lsuhsc.edu) if you have any general or specific questions about this issue

c. Christian Hernandez – Community VP
   i. Filling in for Christian is Ryan Vega
   ii. Annual Tiger Run
      1. Possible name change to “The Nicole Murphy Memorial Tiger Run” to commemorate a member of the Class of 2012 who passed away in the summer of 2010. A vote will take place to approve this name change.
      2. The race is scheduled for April 3, 2011
   iii. School-wide Habitat for Humanity
      1. Tentative date - January 2011

d. Matt Giglia – Social VP
   i. Back-to-School (BTS) Party
      1. Friday, August 20 at Southport Hall (200 Monticello Ave). Doors open at 8:30PM
      2. Performances by the Topcats
      3. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for non-students/guests, which include 2 drink tickets. Tickets can be bought on campus from the officers or through a paypal link that will be emailed out later. Only students will be able to purchase pre-ordered tickets thru paypal. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, but drink tickets are not guaranteed with admission.
   ii. SGA Happy Hour
      1. Friday, October 1 at Bricks Bar
      2. More details to be released in the future

e. Warren “Jay” Huber – Student Health VP
   i. Filling in for Jay is Ryan Vega
   ii. FAQs and general information on student health, clinics, student health insurance, needlestick procedure, campus health, and the wellness center can be found under the “STUDENT HEALTH” tab on the SGA website: http://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/sga/index.php/student-health/student-health-faqs/
   iii. Students may also ask Jay student health-related questions under the “FORUM” section on the website or email him directly at whuber@lsuhsc.edu.

f. Jason Gray – Treasurer
   i. The current budget can be found under the “ABOUT” tab on the SGA website: http://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/sga/index.php/about/sga-budget/. This will be regularly updated.
   ii. The projected budget for this school year is totaled at $16,488.38. The expected income is $20,500, which includes the rollover balance from last year and student activities fees from tuition charges. This leaves a cushion of $4,011.62 for unexpected costs and expenses.
iii. Although half of the budget goes towards organizing social events, it was emphasized that none of this money goes to buying alcohol. The majority of the cost is to secure the venue, which provides a way for medical students to network and foster camaraderie among peers.

iv. If you have any suggestions on using the SGA budget to better life on campus, please don’t hesitate to email Jason at jgray4@lsuhsc.edu.

g. Kevin Gipson – Technology Chair
   i. In order to log onto the SGA website, use the same username and password as your LSUHSC account.
   ii. Please post all technical problems/suggestions/concerns/questions in the “Student Technology” section of the “FORUM” on the website or email Kevin directly at kgips1@lsuhsc.edu.

h. Sophia Mai – Secretary
   i. Weekly Student Announcements are to be sent to Sophia Mai before noon on Sundays
   ii. Calendar of events for the entire year can be found on the SGA website at http://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/sga/index.php/calendar/. If you put your cursor over the event and click, details of the listed events will show. This calendar is updated regularly and will include events that pertain to the entire student body.
   iii. In order to see the interest group meeting schedules for the semester, there is a separate calendar at http://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/sga/index.php/student-groups/meeting-calendar/.
   iv. Instructions on subscribing to the SGA calendar will be sent out by Kevin Gipson

i. Tim Torres – Intramurals Chair
   i. There is a new procedure for signing up this year. Go to the website to register: http://www.medschool.lsuhsc.edu/sga/index.php/intramurals/
   ii. Flag football registration ends September 12, 2010
   iii. Championship T-shirt will be provided this year by Matt Neumann

j. Jimmy White – L4 President
   i. Filling in for Jimmy is Ryan Vega
   ii. L4s are in the process of preparing ERAS and residency applications
   iii. Important deadlines for L4s are listed on the SGA website under “RESOURCES” – “L4”

k. Kyle McMullen – L3 President
   i. L3s are in the 1st block of rotations
   ii. Thank you to those who attended or helped with the Nicole Murphy Memorial Service.
   iii. Step 1 Survey has been sent to L3s. The data compiled will be used to speak with current L2s.
   iv. A housing guide for rotation sites is posted on the SGA website under “RESOURCES” – “L3”
      1. For those housing in Baton Rouge, Earl K. Long is in the process of providing residents with wireless routers.

l. Renford Cindass – L2 President
   i. Thank you to Ms. Bobbie and Dr. Lopez for organizing the White Coat Ceremony held on July 31, 2010.
   ii. L1 Orientation begins August 11, 2010. The L1 Service Project is on Monday, August 16, 2010 at numerous sites in City Park.

III. Office of Student Affairs – Ms. Bobbie Millet
   a. Dr. Delcarpio was unable to make the meeting due to medical problems related to his wife.
   b. L4s need to pay $2 to Ms. Carolyn Calvin for ERAS transcripts
   d. To date, 18 seniors are still not signed up for a CS date. Deadline is December 31.
e. Ms. Bobbie is in possession of the Nicole Murphy Memorial Book for those of you who haven’t signed it. We are trying to fill it up some more before sending it to her family.
f. If you are having trouble getting housing or are experiencing housing-related problems in Baton Rouge or Our Lady of the Lake, please email Ms. Bobbie immediately.

IV. General Student Announcements/Concerns
   a. Homeless Clinics welcome any upperclassmen who can volunteer their time.
   b. Bookstore is tax-free this week
   c. Lecture Halls have started locking up at 6PM every evening. Students are unable to access (even with an I.D. card) these rooms for studying purposes.
      i. Ryan Vega will follow up on this issue to get an answer on why this is happening.
      ii. One solution that was voiced - the common area on the 7th floor of Lions Building (near Office of Student Affairs) will be available as a study space in the near future.
   d. The Council of Professional Conduct (CPC) reminds students that signing role for other students or signing in and leaving are unprofessional acts. If caught, students will be referred to the committee. Please do not encourage freshmen to engage in such behavior.
   e. A request was made for class budgets to be posted publicly – an itemized budget including actual expenditures – so that students may see what the mandatory class dues of $85 is spent on
      i. Per Class Presidents Kyle McMullen and Renford Cindass - the L3 and L2 executive boards are working on finalizing the budgets. Once this is done, the budget will be posted on the respective class websites in addition to being emailed out to the class.
   f. An inquiry was made into NTS’s policy on withholding refund checks until class dues are settled.
      i. Per Ryan Vega – This is not within the realm of power of SGA. This is an internal issue that needs to be taken up directly with NTS since it is not affiliated with LSUHSC.
      ii. Per previous L3 NTS Treasurer Jason Gray – The NTS budget is at the discretion of the NTS officers, and in order to alleviate the burden of the Class Treasurer and minimize the exchange of multiple checks, this was the policy implemented by last year’s NTS.

In Attendance:
Ryan Vega - SGA President
Danny Eads – Executive VP
Matt Giglia – Social VP
Kevin Gipson – Technology Chair
Sophia Mai – Secretary
Jason Gray - Treasurer
Tim Torres – Intramural Chair
Kyle McMullen – L3 Class President
Renford Cindass – L2 Class President
AAMC – Luke Machen
AMSA – Jenna Jordan
AIG – Sharon Carrillo
APAMSA – Jenny Zhang
CORE – Neema Patel
CSA – Darion Stofira
DIG – Tracie LeBleu
Edgar Hull – Patricia Fraser
EMIG – Corey Bilbo
FMIG – Zachary Pray
Homeless Clinic – Catherine Tridico & Dara Davenport
MPIG – Donnesha Clayton
OBIG – Darlonda Reynaud
OSIG – Rabun Fox
PIG – Neema Patel
RIG – Luke Machen
Rural Medicine – Darion Stofira
SIG – John Wilkinson
SIGNNS – Preston Eiswirth & Navneet Sharma
SIHO – Stratton Beatrous, Laura Classen, Sara Reggie
SMILE – Melanie McIntosh
SNMA – Ashley Matthews
WIM – Maegen Schaff
Anthony Hudson
Annette Zacharia