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Good evening LCOM Medical Student Body,

As you are now aware, our former Student Council/co2023 President Vinh Le has stepped down from his position to join the class of 2024 – we’re immensely grateful for his leadership this past year!

We wanted to take a moment to clarify this transition. In discussion with Deans George and Zehle, it has been decided that we will distribute responsibilities of the President to the three Student Council members graduating with the class of 2023 for our remaining tenure, with the support of Elise Prehoda as President-Elect. Here are a couple highlights of this transition we believe are of interest to you all:

- Ceremonial duties for Match and Graduation will be split amongst the three of us. Most notably and time-sensitive is that Lud Eyasu will be giving our Match Day speech followed by opening the first match. As both a senior Student Council chair and current president of GHHS we are excited for her to lead us through this monumental day in our careers.
- Concerns and questions previously sent to Vinh as president can be sent to any one or combination of the three of us as well as our President-Elect Elise Prehoda (c/o 2024). We encourage this open correspondence and will work together diligently as a unit to address them. Items to be added to the Monthly Student Council Meeting Agenda should be directed to Elise.

Thank you all for everything you do for our community. We hope you get some down time over the holidays to unwind and spend time with friends and family. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Cyrus, Kyle, and Lud  
Student Council Chairs, Class of 2023

Elise  
Student Council President-Elect, Class of 2024

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To the Student Body of the UVM Larner College of Medicine:

I hope you are doing well. Over the past three years, it has been a privilege to form lasting friendships and memories with so many of you.

As you may know, my partner Laura and I had the joy of getting married in August, and we are deeply grateful to everyone for your support and well-wishes. This has naturally led to some changes in our schedule. Laura is a third-year graduate student with the potential of studying abroad next year, and I am in my fourth year of medical school, so we are synchronizing our academic years to maximize flexibility in mutually supporting each other. That is why I am continuing with my plan to take a research year and join the Class of 2024. This is a personal decision made with much joy and optimism.

**It also means that, to adhere to school protocol, I have resigned as Student Body President. Per the Bylaws, I will continue to serve as a voting member and Class of 2024 Co-Chair of Communications on Student Council, and I am excited to remain fully engaged in this work in the year to come.**

**To ensure a smooth transition of leadership, I am working with our deans and Student Council representatives to transition presidential responsibilities for the remaining three months. You will be receiving more details shortly in an email from the three Class of 2023 representatives – Lud Eyasu, Cyrus Thomas-Walker, and Kyle Kellett – and Elise Prehoda, our President-Elect.**

I want to thank you all for the amazing ways in which you have worked with us to contribute to our student body and to our school. Together, we achieved a historic 100% student participation rate for the 2021 LCME visit, earned eight-year reaccreditation, helped coordinate interviews for three separate Dean positions, and proudly represented LCOM nationwide through the MSCAN project. Together, we reorganized the student lounge in partnership with OME, facilitated school-wide events and apparel orders, negotiated UWorld and gym discounts, organized service days and blood drives, approved and supported new SIGs addressing everything from queer health to financial wellness, and created the first unified student Facebook group and leadership website. Together, we advocated for stipends and clinical changes to promote equity for our Connecticut branch campus and collaborated on other challenging issues including financial and housing disparities, clerkship attendance policies, student fee transparency, the Pass/Fail curriculum, clinical campus selection, sexual and gender-based violence, student election reform, gender-neutral spaces, and parking concerns.

None of this would have been possible without my friends on Student Council, to whom I am deeply

indebted. I would like to send my gratitude to our President-Elect, Elise Prehoda, for her hard work and years of tireless advocacy, and to all nineteen of our amazing Student Council representatives (Alex, Cyrus, Lud, Kyle, Warrick, Josh, Sydney, Nick, Than, Kadi, Justin, Liz, Gabriela, Jennifer, Adama, Casey, Christopher, Molly, and Arman) for their strong commitment and service. Dean Zehle, Dean George, Dean Rosen, and Kiersten Tavares have been part of our Student Council support team in OME and have provided invaluable guidance. Deans Everett, Kulaga, and Rosen have likewise met regularly with us to discuss clinical matters, and they have been supportive and responsive to our concerns. Your representatives on SEC, the Wellness Committee, SJC, OSR, and MCC, among many others, likewise deserve our thanks.

Last and certainly not least, I am grateful to you – the student body – for giving me the chance to serve as President-Elect and President over the past twenty-one months. Your voices and perspectives made us better representatives and inspired us to work hard on your behalf. And the wonderful memories I've had while learning and growing alongside you will always bring a smile to my face.

It has been an honor to play a small role in that journey, and I hope that I've made you proud. As we continue ahead together, I am humbled by your trust and more passionate than ever about making sure that every voice is heard.

With appreciation,  
Vinh

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