



The University  
of Vermont

LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

## Medical Student Leadership Lunch & Learn Series

Members of the Class of 2025 are invited to this BYO-bag lunch & learn series to learn about various [Student Leadership Opportunities at the Larner College of Medicine](#). Hear from student leaders regarding their affiliated group across these three lunch & learn sessions.

The first 30 minutes will be formal presentations from the groups, and then the last 30 minutes will be informal/casual breakouts for first-year students to connect with student leaders, discuss, and have any questions answered.

Please feel free to bring your lunch to the session (please **MUTE your mics**; up to you re: video!).

[Zoom link for all sessions \(Join now, via this link\)](#)

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Please contact [Kiersten Hallquist, Larner College of Medicine Student Services Coordinator](#), with any questions.

### **Lunch & Learn Session 1: Tuesday, August 24, 12pm-12:50pm, Via Zoom**

#### **LCOM Student Council**

[The Larner College of Medicine Student Council](#) represents all students enrolled at UVM LCOM, as your medical student governance group. Duties include but are not limited to serving as a liaison between the student body and administrative offices, oversight of the class budgets and Student Interest Groups, and promotion of camaraderie among students through creation of various social functions, including class events, formals and the Endies (End-of-Year Banquet).

As mentioned, Student Council oversees Student Interest Group (SIG) administration, so student council reps will also provide a brief overview on LCOM SIGs and the process should students wish to create a new SIG.

#### **Student Council Election Timeline:**

- 08/24, 12-12:50pm, via Zoom – Lunch & Learn Session – Come meet with current Student Council reps and ask any questions

- First Wednesday of September @5pm (Wednesday, 9/1, 5:00pm) – First Student Council Meeting of the Year – Come see what we do, all are welcome! Look for meeting info in the WeeklyWire.
- Third Friday of September (Friday, 9/17) – Due date for Entering the Election – submit your paragraph of interest!
- The following Monday (Monday, 9/20) – Ballots issued to Class of 2025
- First of October (Friday, 10/1) – Ballots Close. Electees are notified of their selection immediately.
- First Monday in October (Monday, 10/4) – Class of 2025 notified of election outcome
- First Wednesday in October (Wednesday, 10/6) – New Class of 2025 representatives launch their leadership role at the October Student Council meeting (M1s stay after the meeting to decide chair positions)

### **The Wellness Committee**

[The Wellness Committee](#) serves to promote the health of the student body through educational and recreational events within UVM LCOM. The group runs monthly peer support group meetings, provides confidential one-on-one peer support, and can connect students to mental health resources both within the university and the broader community. The committee continuously works to implement new ideas that promote the overall wellness of the student body, including monthly fresh Fridays, mindfulness mini-series, and a variety outdoor and peer-bonding activities.

#### **Wellness Committee Election Timeline:**

- Fourth Friday in October (Friday, October 22): Application questions released
- Fifth Friday in October (Friday October 29): Answers are due by all applicants
- We'll have the class vote and conclude that by the first Wednesday in November (Wednesday, November 3)
- Results will be announced the First Thursday of November (Thursday morning, November 4)

### **Larner College of Medicine Student Ambassadors**

[The Larner College of Medicine \(LCOM\) Student Ambassador Program](#) consists of members of each class who represent and promote the college of medicine during several college events and activities throughout the year. The College of Medicine Student Ambassador Program reflects and shares the values of LCOM through positive engagement, stewardship and service. This is accomplished by interacting with visitors to the college and College of Medicine students, faculty, staff, and alumni at college sponsored special events and activities.

#### **Student Ambassador Selection Timeline:**

- Ambassador terms = one year, and run the calendar year (Jan 1 – Dec 31)
- Applications due third Sunday of October
- Accepted students notified mid-November
- New Ambassador training occurs the second Monday, in December (Monday, December 13, 2021)

### **Larner College of Medicine Learning Environment and Professionalism**

The [Learning Environment and Professionalism \(LEAP\) Committee](#) is a multidisciplinary, interprofessional committee that oversees and supports the quality of the educational environment for medical students, residents, fellows and other learners at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine, the University of

Vermont Medical Center, and affiliate organizations or hospitals where trainees complete clinical training or other educational activities.

**LEAP Selection Timeline:**

- End of May: Nominations due (self-nominations welcome)
- Mid-June: Students notified of review outcome

**Lunch & Learn Session 2: Tuesday, August 31, 12-12:50pm, Via Zoom**

**Student Education Group (SEG)**

[The Student Education Group \(SEG\)](#) is comprised of students dedicated to and actively involved in the improvement of the medical school curriculum. Representatives from each class meet once a month with the Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education, Dr. Christa Zehle, to discuss a variety of issues pertaining to the student experience within the Vermont Integrated Curriculum (VIC).

The group's responsibility is to act as a liaison with faculty to provide a unified student point of view, and to appropriately bring pertinent educational issues to the attention of faculty and course directors. SEG is charged with reviewing course evaluations written by students at the close of each Foundations course and presenting that data to the Foundations Committee, which oversees the pre-clinical portion of the curriculum.

**SEG Election Timeline:**

- Applications open 10/18 (Monday)
- Applications close 11/5 (Friday)
- Elections open 11/10 (Wednesday)
- Elections close 11/24 (Wednesday)
- Elected representatives will attend the December SEG meeting on 12/7
- Interested students should plan to attend the September, October, and/or November monthly meetings (req. 1 meeting prior to application). Meetings occur on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm in Med Ed 202.

**Medical Curriculum Committee (MCC)**

The [Medical Curriculum Committee \(MCC\)](#) is the highest committee involved with curricular oversight at the Larner College of Medicine, bridging Foundations and Clerkship. The committee continuously reviews and evaluates educational programs and makes recommendations to the faculty, the Advisory Council, and the Dean of the Larner College of Medicine. This committee is comprised of the Dr. Christa Zehle (Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education), 15 members of the faculty (seven appointed by the Dean and eight elected by the faculty) and one student representative from each class. Students serve as full voting members.

**MCC Election Timeline:**

- Paragraphs of interest are collected by SEG late March-Early April 2022 (last year the submission deadline was 4/5/21).
- Election is held in mid-April 2022 (last year the election was held 4/12/21 and decisions were emailed 4/27/21).

**Advancement Committee**

The charge of the Advancement Committee is to protect the public and the medical profession by ensuring that the academic standards of the Larner College of Medicine are upheld. It has broad representation and is

comprised of nine full-time faculty members with diverse departmental representation, four students with one from each year's class and five non-voting/ex-officio members. For more information about role of the Advancement Committee, visit our [Medical Student Handbook, Policy 565.10: Advancement Committee](#).

**Advancement Election Timeline:**

- Student council to oversee the election. Paragraphs of interest collected in November 2021.
- Election occurs in December 2021.
- Selection announced to class in January 2022. M1 student representative begins service at January 2022 committee meeting.

**Lunch & Learn Session 3: Thursday, September 02, 12-12:50pm, Via Zoom**

**Social Justice Coalition**

[The Social Justice Coalition \(SJC\)](#) serves as a platform to coordinate and create accountability for already ongoing efforts in the LCOM community aimed at promoting critical social dialogue in our training and establishing systems of justice and equity in the community. By pooling resources and seeking common ground between the efforts of different groups and individuals, we hope to encourage an atmosphere of critical social consciousness and reflection at LCOM. In coalition, we seek to build sustainable curricular and extracurricular vehicles for making social justice and cultural competency a key tenet of LCOM's identity.

**SJC Election Timeline:**

- Candidates must attend a minimum of two SJC monthly meetings by December monthly meeting or be actively involved in an ongoing SJC project as certified by current student organizers. Candidates will also submit a personal statement for distribution during the election
- Class-wide election TBD during January 2022

**Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Organization of Student Representatives (OSRs)**

The [Organization of Student Representatives \(OSR\)](#) is the student wing of the AAMC, with each medical school sending delegates to biannual AAMC conferences. UVM OSR representatives serve as a link between LCOM and the organization, presenting those areas where LCOM can serve as a model for other medical schools, and bringing back relevant innovations from other institutions.

**AAMC OSR Election Timeline:**

- Applications open on October 1st, 2021, and the last day to apply is October 22nd, 2021
- Late Oct- Early Nov: Applications reviewed by the AAMC OSR UVM Leaders and by Associate Dean for Students
- Candidates notified of application review outcome by the second week of November

**UVM Board of Trustees**

The [UVM Board of Trustees](#) has full legal responsibility and authority for the University of Vermont, including entire management and control of property and affairs of the university. The Board of Trustees sets and approves policies, budgets and strategic planning. The Board also appoints the president of the university.

**BOTs Election Timeline:**

- Requirements: in good standing, have two (or more) years of courses ahead of them
- Applications including essays, letters of recommendation due in January

- Review by a Selection Committee of nine students (undergrad, graduate, and medical students)
- Interview
- Selection by end of January

### **Larner College of Medicine Dean's Advisory Council (DACDEI)**

The UVM Larner College of Medicine values diversity as a driver of excellence. Diversity, equity & inclusion (DEI) are not only valued but are an integral part of the mission and strategic plans of the College. The [Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion \(DACDEI\)](#) serves as the primary body responsible to the Dean of the Larner College of Medicine for making recommendations that help guide us through the complexities and nuances associated with successfully embedding the principles and practices of diversity, equity and inclusion throughout all facets our community.

To that end, the Dean's Advisory Committee on Diversity & Inclusion (DACDEI) seeks nominations from students in the Class of 2025 for one position on the committee. This open position is for up to a four-year term. This is a great opportunity to have a direct influence on the DEI initiatives set forth and carried out by the College.

#### **General Nomination Criteria:**

- All candidates must have a demonstrated interest toward and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Willing to serve the full term indicated for their position.
- Maintain regular attendance at Committee meetings.
- Serve as productive contributors to the shared responsibilities associated with the Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan.

**DACDEI Election Timeline:** For FY'22, the nomination process and deadlines are as follows:

- December 1, 2021 – Call for nominations is sent to MSI's (2025) and MSII's (2024)
- December 10, 2021 – Deadline for nominations
- December 17, 2021 – Nominees notified of selection

### **Additional leadership opportunities for medical students:**

- Foundations & Clerkship Committees (MCC subcommittees)
- Student Interest Groups
- Various Research Opportunities
- Various Task Force Student Consultants
- Various UVM Medical Center Opportunities

# Comprehensive Election Timeline

## August

- **Student Council:** 08/24, 12-12:50pm, via Zoom – Lunch & Learn Session – Come meet with current Student Council reps and ask any questions

## September

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## October

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- **AAMC OSR:** Applications open on October 1st, 2021, and the last day to apply is October 22nd, 2021
- **Student Council:** First of October (Friday, 10/1) – Ballots Close. Electees are notified of their selection immediately.
- **Student Council:** First Monday in October (Monday, 10/4) – Class of 2025 notified of election outcome
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- **SEG:** Applications open 10/18 (Monday)
- **AAMC OSR:** Late Oct- Early Nov - Applications reviewed by the AAMC OSR UVM Leaders and by Associate Dean for Students
- **Student Ambassador:** Applications due third Sunday of October
- **Wellness Committee:** Fourth Friday in October (Friday, October 22): Application questions released
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## November

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- **Wellness Committee:** Results will be announced the First Thursday of November (Thursday morning, November 4)

- **SEG:** Applications close 11/5 (Friday)
- **AAMC OSR:** Candidates notified of application review outcome by the second week of November
- **SEG:** Elections open 11/10 (Wednesday)
- **Student Ambassador:** Accepted students notified mid-November
- **SEG:** Elections close 11/24 (Wednesday)

## December

- **Advancement:** Election occurs in December 2021.
- **DACDEI:** December 1, 2021 – Call for nominations is sent to MSI's (2025) and MSII's (2024)
- **SEG:** Elected representatives will attend the December SEG meeting on 12/7
- **DACDEI:** December 10, 2021 – Deadline for nominations
- **Student Ambassador:** New Ambassador training occurs the second Monday, in December (Monday, December 13, 2021)
- **DACDEI:** December 17, 2021 – Nominees notified of selection

## January

- **UVM Board of Trustees:** Applications including essays, letters of recommendation due in January
  - Review by a Selection Committee of nine students (undergrad, graduate, and medical students)
  - Interview
- **Advancement:** Selection announced to class in January 2022. M1 student representative begins service at January 2022 committee meeting.
- **UVM Board of Trustees:** Selection by end of January

## March

- **MCC:** Paragraphs of interest are collected by SEG late March-Early April 2022 (last year the submission deadline was 4/5/21).

## April

- **MCC:** Election is held in mid-April 2022 (last year the election was held 4/12/21 and decisions were emailed 4/27/21).

## May

- **LEAP:** End of May - Nominations due (self-nominations welcome)

## June

- **LEAP:** Mid-June - Students notified of review outcome