Student Governance
UVM COM Committees and Elections

Student Council
The Student Council represents all students enrolled at UVM College of Medicine (COM). Duties include serving as a conduit between the student body and administrative offices, oversight of the class budgets and Student Interest Groups, and promotion of camaraderie among students through organizing various social functions, including the Osler Banquet, winter formal, the Halloween dance, and class specific events.

Elections
Paragraphs of intent are elicited in October of the first year and elections are administered online, with submitted paragraphs appearing on the ballot. Four representatives are elected by their peers in the first year class, and those elected subsequently designate who will serve in the roles of: Chair of communication, Chair of administration, Chair of students, Chair of finance (whom also serves as student representative to the Travel Award Committee). In the same election process, two liaisons are also elected from the first year class: a Community Service Coordinator and a Class Historian, who serves on the yearbook committee. Terms for all six positions are four years. A student council member is elected President of the student body in March of his/her second year. This elected individual serves as President-elect for one year and as President the following year.

Members
Class of 2017: Murtaza Bharmal, Bryce Bludevich, Muhammad Mertaban, Christina Litsakos, Rebekah Wieland. Class of 2016: Daniel Haddad (President-elect), Shravan Rao, Merima Ruhotina, Emily Hadley Strout. Class of 2015: Sarah Gardner (President), Liqun Chen, Ryan Hendrix, Emily Rosen.

Liaisons

Wellness Committee
The Wellness Committee serves to promote the health of the student body through educational and recreational events within UVM COM. 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, such as art afternoons, monthly fresh Fridays, a workshop with dieticians, and outdoor activities such as bird watching.

Elections
An informational meeting for first year students interested in serving on Wellness is held in mid-October. Personal statements for those running for the committee are elicited from the first year class in October, and are accepted until two days prior to the election, held the first Tuesday in November. The elections are administered online, with personal statements appearing on the ballot. Four representatives are elected to four year terms.
Members

Student Education Group (SEG)
The Student Education Group 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. William Jeffries, 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.

Elections
Paragraphs of intent are solicited from the first year class in October. SEG elections are held internally, and four representatives are selected from the first year class by existing SEG members. Term length is four years. Those interested in running for SEG are encouraged to attend SEG meetings.

Members

Foundations Committee
This committee is responsible for oversight of the pre-clinical portion of the curriculum, spanning the first and second years. The committee is chaired by Dr. Paula Tracy (Foundations Curriculum Chair), and is comprised of course directors, Dr. William Jeffries (Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education), the COMET manager, a Coordinator from the Dana Medical Library, and one student representative.

Elections
The election is held in the spring and is open all members of the third year class. Two months prior to end of the academic year, SEG calls for paragraphs of intent. A vote is held internally, and selection must be approved by the Office of Medical Student Education (OMSE).

Student Member
Class of 2015: Kara Klingman.
Clerkship Committee
This committee is charged with oversight of clinical aspect of the curriculum, which begins in the second year. The body performs an ongoing review of clerkship rotations at all affiliated hospitals, including evaluation of overall student exam performance and other student proficiency outcomes. The committee is comprised of each Clerkship Director, Dr. Tania Bertsch (Clerkship/Bridge Curriculum Chair), Dr. William Jeffries (Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education), and one student representative.

Elections
The election is held in the spring and is open to all members of the third year class. Two months prior to end of the academic year, SEG calls for paragraphs of intent. A vote is held internally, and selection must be approved by the Office of Medical Student Education (OMSE).

Student Member
Class of 2015: Darlene Peterson.

Medical Curriculum Committee (MCC)
MCC is the highest committee involved with curricular oversight at the 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 College of Medicine. This committee is comprised of the Dr. William Jeffries (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.

Elections
Elections occur each year and appointments are for one year terms. Incumbents are encouraged to seek reelection. Two months before the end of the academic year, SEG calls for paragraphs of intent. Candidates must be in good academic standing, as approved by OMSE, and are elected by members of their class. Paragraphs of intent appear on the ballot.

Student Members

Association of American Medical Colleges Organization of Student Representatives (AAMC-OSR)
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 COM and the organization, presenting those areas where COM can serve as a model for other medical schools, and bringing back relevant innovations from other institutions.

Election
Paragraphs of intent are requested in January of the first year. A representative is then chosen by an internal deliberation by current AAMC representatives and Dr. Christa Zehle (Associate Dean for Students). The term is four years. The election result must be approved by OMSE.
Members

Committee on Advancement
This committee is responsible for monitoring the progress of medical students struggling academically and assessing their ability to continue in the curriculum. The committee’s processes are outlined extensively in the student handbook. The committee is comprised of faculty members and one student representative from each class. Student representatives serve as full voting members, but do not vote in cases related to members of their class year.

Election
One representative is elected by their class in January of the first year. Once the election occurs, the name is presented to the Dean, and the Dean formally invites the nominated student to join the Committee on Advancement. Membership is until graduation.

Student Members

Dean’s Advisory Committee on Diversity & Inclusion (DACDI)
The DACDI makes recommendations to the Dean in support of creating a diverse and inclusive community and acts as a catalyst to further the goal of creating a community of mutual engagement for all identity groups. The Committee is comprised of faculty, staff, and student members from throughout the College; a student member is selected from each class. Members will:

- Research, monitor and report on institutional efforts
- Identify needs and areas of concern
- Propose policies and programs
- Collaborate with campus organizations

Election:
Elections from the first-year class occur in the Spring. An email is sent out to the community soliciting for students to apply. DACDI then reviews the applications and then they select a member from the first-year class, and that student will serve during their time at the College of Medicine.

Student Members

Executive Board
The purpose of this board is to increase dialogue between major student committees and COM administrators, and to coordinate the activities of student leadership. Student representatives to the board include of members of Student Council, SEG, Wellness, and OSR representatives. Dr. Rick Morin (Dean of the College of medicine), Dr. William Jeffries (Associate Dean of Education), and Dr. Christa Zehle (Associate Dean of Students) serve on the board.
Elections
A representative is chosen internally from each class year from within each student committee (Student Council, SEG, DACDI and Wellness). All AAMC OSR representatives serve on the Executive Board.

Members
Student Council: Sarah Gardner (Student Body President), Daniel Haddad (President-elect), Rebekah Wieland.
Wellness: Justin Genziano, Kevin Saiki.
SEG: Will Manning, Sarah Johnson, Emily Schloff.
OSR: Peter Wingfield, Calvin Kagan, Priyanka Chilakamarri, Brian Till.
DACDI: TBD

ELECTION TIMELINE:
- October:
  - Student Council, including Class Historian and Community Service Coordinator, via class election
  - Student Education Group (SEG), via internal election
- November:
  - Wellness, via class election
- January:
  - AAMC/OSR, via internal election
- February:
  - Committee on Advancement, via class election
- March:
  - DACDI, via internal election
  - Medical Curriculum Committee, via class election
  - (MS3 only) Foundations Committee and Clerkship Committee, via SEG internal election