Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS)

Article I- Name and Purpose

Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) has been established for the purpose of representing the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), creating diversity and making strides in all aspects of medicine and patient care. MAPS has a great interest in increasing the number of physicians of color entering the workforce. Through community service and dedication to eliminating ethnic health disparities, we strive to provide ourselves and those around us with a larger sense of being. This organization will also prepare members for the MCAT and applications to medical school. It will also provide mentorship through our sponsor SNMA Chapter at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine.

Article II- Scope

This organization is subject to the jurisdiction of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as to the President of the University and his/her designee.

Article III- Membership

A UMBC student can become a member of this organization by:

- Attending at least 1 meeting

Membership in this organization is open to any UMBC undergraduate student (without restriction of GPA requirement, try-outs, etc.)

Membership in this organization will not be denied because of race, color, age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, disabled veteran or veteran status, national origin, or religion.

Article IV- Officers and Elections

a. Officers

The officers of Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) shall be the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations, and Liaison.

The duties of the President shall include:

- serving as the organization's official representative for communicating with SGA and UMBC staff

The duties of the Vice-president shall include:

- assuming the role of President in the event of the President's absence or incapacity
The duties of the Treasurer shall include:

- managing the organization's funds and ensuring compliance with all financial rules and guidelines

The duties of the Secretary shall include:

- recording and archiving information from meetings and activities

b. Elections

All officers shall be elected to a term of one year starting and ending on December 1st.

Elections will be held between November 15th and November 30th. In addition, in the case that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected positions identified in this Article, an election will be held to fill the position.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to all members before the annual election meeting.

Nominations shall be initiated from the floor and elections done by a ballot where the person receiving the majority of votes wins, but if no one receives a majority a runoff occurs between the two candidates with the most votes.

Officers may be removed throughout the year by a majority vote of the other members present at a meeting.

Before the vote, the individual(s) proposing to remove the officer will explain the specific reasons for the proposed action, which must involve misconduct or failure to fulfill officer responsibilities, and the officer will have the opportunity to respond.

Article V- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of all members present at the meeting. All amendments must be approved in accordance with Student Government Association policy before becoming legally binding.

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