

MEAC Board of Directors Meeting						Date: 10/10/2018	
						Time Reconvened: 9:00am EDT	
						Time Adjourned: 4:29 pm EDT	
						Type of Meeting: In Person	
Attendees (Present Yes/No):							
Board Members							
Mariana Cerqueira	Yes	Aimee Eden	No	Karen Ehrlich	Yes	Courtney Everson	Yes
Heidi Fillmore	Yes	Rachel Hargy	Yes	Cassandra Jah	Yes	Andrea Maya Johnson	Yes
Melissa Mayo	Yes	Safiya McCarter	Yes	Kristi Ridd-Young	Yes		
Administrative Staff							
Rachael Bommarito	No	Amari Fauna	Yes	Trixi Packmohr	AM		
Guests							
Notes taken by: Amari Fauna							

Minutes

Agenda Item:	Equity and Access Committee	Presenter:	Cassandra Jah
Documents:			
Discussion:	Cassandra calls for committee members for an Equity and Access Committee.		
Conclusions:			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓			
Change to P+P ?	Change to Handbook?	Notify public or schools?	

Agenda Item:	Strategic Planning	Presenter:	Cassandra Jah
Documents:			
Discussion:	<p>“What are the barriers preventing us from moving towards the vision of ‘What evidence will we have in 3-5 years that will demonstrate that we are stable and sustainable?’”</p> <p>A block/barrier is not a lack of money, time, or people. A block/barrier is systematic, interconnected; complex, required multiple skills and expertise; recurring, indicating a deeper problem.</p> <p>“What innovative, substantial actions will deal with the underlying contradictions and move us toward our vision?”</p> <p>Strategic directions are broad directions or proposals that impact the future. Strategic directions are not implementation plans nor short term ideas.</p>		

Conclusions:		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
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Agenda Item:	Communication about ED changes.	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young
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Documents:	
Discussion:	<p>“Dr. Timberly Robinson is no longer with MEAC. It was a mutually agreed upon decision that it wasn’t a good fit. MEAC will be exploring our leadership structure.”</p> <p>The Executive Committee will write and send a letter to the member schools.</p>

Conclusions:		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
✓ Write letter and send to member schools.	Exec Committee	
Change to P+P ? No	Change to Handbook? No	Notify public or schools? Yes

Agenda Item:	MEAC Vice President of Outreach and Development	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young, Cassaundra Jah
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Documents:	
Discussion:	<p>Kristi and Cassaundra</p> <p>Cassaundra Jah moves to create the Vice President of Outreach and Development as an elected Board position. Courtney Everson seconds.</p> <p>The Board discusses.</p> <p>In favor, eight. Opposes, none. Abstains, three. Motion passes.</p> <p>Cassaundra Jah calls for nominations. Courtney Everson nominates Kristi Ridd-Young. Kristi accepts the nomination on the condition that the Board will commit to professional training and development for this position. No additional nominations.</p> <p>Cassaundra moves to vote on the position with the commitment to allocate money and resources. Safiya McCarter seconds.</p> <p>In favor, seven. Opposes, none. Recusals, four, including Kristi Ridd-Young. Motion passes.</p>

Conclusions:	
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Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
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Agenda Item:	Update on Roots of Wisdom	Presenter:	Courtney Everson
Documents:			
Discussion:	Courtney presents background on the work being done by the Roots of Wisdom Midwifery Educational Program seeking approval as a program of Med Academy. A letter has been sent by MEAC in support of the collaboration.		
Conclusions:			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
✓			
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Agenda Item:	NARM Changes	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young
Documents:			
Discussion:	<p>Kristi Ridd-Young explains the recent fee increases made by NARM.</p> <p>Kristi also reviews the upcoming change by NARM that will limit the options for accessing NRP training.</p> <p>Kristi introduces testing changes made on the published NARM Candidate Information Bulletin. These changes will impact competencies that students must meet and the skills verification students need. The changes will be launched January 1, 2019.</p> <p>The Board discusses.</p> <p>It is noted that MEAC was not notified of these changes in advance. It is unknown if the MEAC Member Schools are aware yet of these changes.</p> <p>Question: does MEAC want to write a letter to NARM? The Board discusses. The Board agrees to send a letter for each issue.</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Finish and send letters to NARM. ✓ Contact NARM to request the specific changes made to the NARM exam. ✓ Communicate the changes to the MEAC Member Schools. 		Cassandra Jah	
Change to P+P ? No	Change to Handbook? No	Notify public or schools? Yes	

Agenda Item:	Closing Circle	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young
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Documents:			
Discussion: Acknowledgments of Board service given. Acknowledgment of staff dedication. Acknowledgment and welcoming of new Board members.			
Conclusions: Courtney Everson moves to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Hargy seconds. In favor, eleven. Opposes, none. Abstains, none. Meeting is adjourned.			
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