

Resident and Fellow Forum Policy #0.02

I. Policy Statement

All residents and fellows participating in an ACGME-accredited program sponsored by the KCU-GME Consortium are invited and encouraged to participate in the KCU GME Resident and Fellow Forum, a group that allows residents and fellows to communicate and exchange information regarding their educational and work environments, their programs, and any other issues they may face during residency/fellowship. The forum is an opportunity to keep residents and fellows informed about important issues that affect their careers, communicate and exchange information with other residents/fellows relevant to their ACGME-accredited programs and their learning and working environment, as well as provide an organized voice to raise and resolve concerns. Any topics discussed by the forum that warrant further discussion are presented to the GMEC. Residents/Fellows have the opportunity to conduct the forum without the DIO, faculty members, or other administrators present.

In addition, each program is encouraged to have a primary clinical site resident/fellow council, forum, or other platform where residents and fellows can communicate without faculty members or other administrators present.

II. Membership

a. Representation

- i. All ACGME-accredited residents/fellows in a program sponsored by the KCU-GME Consortium shall be entitled to membership in the Resident and Fellow Forum.
- ii. The forum shall have a peer selected Chair and Vice-Chair who are residents/fellows in good academic and professional standing.

b. The Officers

i. Chair

- Eligibility. The Chair must:
 - a. be a member of an ACGME-accredited residency/fellowship program sponsored by the KCU-GME Consortium; and
 - b. be in good academic and professional standing.
- Duties and Responsibilities. The Chair shall:
 - a. maintain regular contact with the KCU DIO or designee;
 - b. serve as conduit for residents/fellows to raise questions and concerns
 - c. monitor online forum discussions
 - d. conduct meetings of the forum;
 - e. establish discussion topics;

- f. represent the forum at any KCU GMEC meeting where issues raised by the forum are to be discussed; and
- g. strive to maintain the decorum of the office, act responsibly in all matters, and perform duties in a fair and unbiased manner.

ii. Vice-Chair

- Eligibility. The Vice-Chair must:
 - a. be a member of an ACGME-accredited residency/fellowship program sponsored by the KCU-GME Consortium; and
 - b. be in good academic and professional standing.
- Duties and Responsibilities. The Vice-Chair shall:
 - a. act as Chair in case of absence; and
 - b. assist the Chair as directed.

c. Succession and Vacancy

- i. If the office of the Chair becomes vacant through resignation or removal, the Vice-Chair shall take that office.
- ii. If the office of the Vice-Chair becomes vacant, the collective residents/fellows will elect a new peer-selected resident/fellow to serve as the Vice-Chair.

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