Medical Student Government Meeting Minutes

I) Minutes of November 27, 2007 approved

II) President Rena’s report
   a. Joint Professional Schools’ Party suggested
      i. Vet, Med, Bus, Law, etc
   b. Spring Formal
      i. April 12th
      ii. Locations
         1. Hawthorne Suites (currently reserved)
            a. $4,000 min
         2. Champaign Country Club
            a. $8,000 min
         3. Holiday Inn
            a. Weekend is booked
   c. Anatomy Memorial
      i. Nathan Blair heading up committee
   d. Parents’ Weekend
      i. Not enough interest to pursue
   e. UMSC meeting for February 9th will be in Urbana-Champaign
      i. Reps must be present by 9 in the morning to post signs and ‘usher’ duties
      ii. All government and students are encouraged to come
   f. UMSC committee rep
      i. Joins committee assisting in determination of scholarships, academic promotions, admissions committee, other stuff as well
      ii. One student staying in Urbana must be representative of Urbana-Champaign for the UMSC admissions committee
      iii. February 1st is due date for applications in Rena’s mailbox (unless applying for Rockford positions – e-mail Audrey Hall at aehall@uic.edu by February 1, 2008)
   g. UMSC Academic Support committee
      i. UMSC admissions committee would like to put together a packet delineating the strengths of each of the sites for applicants
      ii. 20 question worksheet to be filled out by students and faculty to help facilitate creation of the packet – collecting information

III) Vice-President Sachin’s report
   a. Thanks to all representatives who sent updates over the winter break for the newsletters

IV) Secretary Paul’s report
   a. November minutes were posted along with January newsletter
   b. Involvement requested in Spring Formal Committee

V) Treasurer Andy’s report
   a. Government balance pre-auction = $2,339.83
   b. Net funds from auction = $3,702
   c. Last year’s formal cost = ~$4,000
   d. Last year’s Anatomy Cadaver memorial cost = ~$200

VI) Education Policy Committee report
   a. Basic Sciences report – Andy Hall
      i. No new updates since January Newsletter reportings
      ii. Dr. Gallman is impressed by Andy’s tenacity – keep it up! The diligence will bring changes sooner-or-later
   b. Clinical Affairs report – Stacey Hughes
      i. Cultural competency added to Psychiatry course
      ii. M2 white coat ceremony went well
      iii. Cultural competence subcommittee created/expanded
iv. Retreat will be held
   1. Change in how clerkship grades are given – standards were raised – subject that will be
      further discussed

c. Student Progress and Promotions report – Jason Alvarado
   i. Nothing to report

VII) Executive Committee report – Rob Hoffman
   a. Discussion of new format of USMLE for Classes starting in 2010 or 2011
      i. Push to ‘return’ the exam to a licensing exam and not a quantitative evaluation
         1. However, allows competition for students across all schools and reduces potential ‘brand
            recognition’ when matching for residency

VIII) Outreach Committee report – Andy Hall, Sachin Jain, Jason Alvarado
   a. Currently nothing to report

IX) Library Committee – Molly Maloof
   a. Meeting scheduled for mid-February
   b. Extended hours requested
   c. More comfortable furniture requested

X) Apparel Sales Information – Molly Maloof
   a. A couple new designs will be added
   b. Fall designs will be available as well
   c. Bowties and traditional ties suggested as well
   d. Blankets
   e. Accessories
   f. Possible slight increase in pricing

XI) HUB Committee
   a. Leather sofas – pair for $500
   b. Leather sleeper sofa - $260 + $180 shipping (or $15 pickup)

XII) Old Business
   a. Charity/Auction Event – Rob Hoffman
      i. A few people still need to pay
      ii. Sellers and buyers will both be informed and matched up
      iii. Thank you notes need to be written and sent
   b. Research on medical students discussion – Dean Hall and Dean Few
      i. Administration was concerned about how we as students felt about studies being done on our
         class

XIII) New Business
   a. Student-initiated medical student code – Maribeth Ruiz
      i. Proposal made to have a student-run behavioral code
      ii. Professionalism code for behavior enforced by students
      iii. There is a need to make students aware of behaviors, not necessarily looking for a straight
           law/penalty system
      iv. Subtle examples/reminders such as the one in anatomy lab (“Here are the dead taking joy in
          teaching the living”) would greatly improve awareness
      v. Include testimonials as well as behavioral code stuff as part of orientation packet and pamphlets
      vi. Peoria has “Peer advocates” – to be discussed again
      vii. Maribeth to draft student code

XIV) Other topics
   a. Consider a charitable donation using a portion of Variety Show’s profits

XV) Closing
   a. Next meeting – March 4, 2008 at 6 PM