Tuesday, November 27, 2007
Medical Student Government Meeting Minutes

I) October 23rd meeting minutes approved

II) UMSC meeting will be held at Rockford this Saturday
   a) Stuff to mention
      i) Apparel sale drive

III) Vice-Pres Sachin’s report
   a) Call for increase in communication within UMSG
   b) Lack of communication may be due to only big issue being apparel sale
   c) Sachin has an idea that would be really cool
      i) Unmentioned what the idea actually is
   d) Newsletter not being read as much as we hoped
      i) Bathroom notices
      ii) Every member must submit something to newsletter even if no news is ready

IV) Secretary Paul’s report
   a) Website has been updated to reflect current governing body and new newsletter section has been added
   b) ‘Schedule’ section will be emailed and updated

V) Treasurer Andy’s report
   a) Approximately $675 in profits from apparel sale
   b) ~$2,500 current budget
   c) Suggestion made to put a couch in the HUB
      i) Adam Henson will head up HUB Comfort Committee
   d) Suggestion made to add a Christmas tree
      i) Potentially ‘offensive’ to students who practice other religions

VI) Education Policy Committee Report
   a) Basic Sciences Report
      i) Suggestion made to Dr. Els to add practice questions for Physiology
         (1) Dr. Els recommends studying lecture and using BRS for questions and will not be adding any additional practice questions/exams for the time being
      ii) Suggestion made to be able to see questions post-exam for all exams
         (1) Response from administration was that testing is not ‘educational’ material but ‘evaluational’ material so not meant to be a study device
         (2) Questions are sometimes reused
         (3) Though a standard cannot be established to release questions, some professors will go over an exam on an individual basis
         (4) Suggested that UMSG members visit each professor once and ask on an individual basis
      iii) Questions on exams are made to emulate USMLE questions
         (1) USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 will be merged and be given as one board exam in third year – NOT effective for our class but will be in place for class of 2015
         (2) USMLE expert coming in to help lay out a template for questions for professors
iv) Urbana M2 white coat ceremony attendance encouraged
   (1) Ceremony is only an hour and food is good

v) Audio podcasting of lectures suggested to professors
   (1) Most professors are amenable to the idea
   (2) Only major objection is potential distribution of copyrighted material outside of school
   (3) IT resources are not in place to be able to implement such a system for this year – a trial run may be possible in spring but full implementation would have to wait until at least next year so following years would benefit more than us

vi) Issues to bring up at next faculty meeting
   (1) Audio library of lectures to be further emphasized

b) Clinical Sciences Report
   i) Nothing to report

c) Student Progress and Promotions Report
   i) COM International Night planning meeting will be on Dec 5th, from noon to 1:00 in Forum Room B (CARLE)
      (1) Theme/topic of the event will be discussed
      (2) Actual event will be held on Feb 28th, 2008 at Alice Campbell Alumni Center
      (3) Purpose of event is primarily to inform clinical students and residents about international clerkship possibilities
   ii) White coat ceremony for COM 2010 class will be on Jan 4th, 2008 in Pollard Auditorium (CARLE Forum) at 6 PM

VII) Executive Committee Report
   a) Nothing to report

VIII) T-shirt Sales Report
   a) ~$3,500 gross
   b) ~$675 profit
   c) Spring semester sale will be announced earlier and feature more products

IX) Outreach Committee Report
   a) UMSG members only (for now) invited to leadership meeting/event
   b) Mentoring program headed by Chyealla Savage and Melanie Hogendrop
   c) Possible Community Service events
      i) Free blood pressure taking drives
         (1) Lack of training within our class but possible training by volunteers who do have experience
      ii) Ask our class for community service drive suggestions

X) Old Business
   a) Charity/auction event
      i) Coming up in spring semester
      ii) No further discussion
   b) Quiz Bowl
      i) Ted Bailey will head up with assistance from Jim Wrzosek
      ii) Actual fund-raising part of the event still being discussed
         (1) Possible sponsorship similar to marathons
XI) New Business
   a) Suggestion made to donate 50-100 decals for OB-GYN group in Rockford
      i) General consensus is approval but not finalized
   b) Conducting research on medical students
      i) Suggestion made to add UMSG as an additional filter in deciding whether
         studies on medical students are valid enough to warrant requests for
         participation to our class
         (1) Suggestion approved
   c) Campus information project
      i) Each site of the COM is requested to submit something for a school-wide
         newsletter regarding curriculum, campus transportation/life, and recreation
         (1) Submission or at least suggestions/brainstorming needed by this
         weekend’s UMSC meeting
         (2) Molly will help
XII) COM 2011 Scrapbook/Yearbook
   a) Suggestion made to have a scrapbook or some sort of memorabilia with our whole
      M1 class to encourage communication between Rockford and Peoria groups
XIII) Closing
   a) Next meeting is Jan 29th, 2008 at 6 PM
   b) Please send any updates to Sachin between now and then