Agenda for November 27th, 2012

A.) Call to Order - Nathan Ackerman
B.) Attendance - Everyone present.

C.) Dean Wragg
   a. Discuss Proposal from Basic Sciences Committee
      i. Based on Academic performance, data, and observations
      ii. MCAT scores are going up, USMLE scores are going up as well
      iii. Step 1 scores are on a downward trend.
      iv. Monitor individual exams- usually students will fail at least 1 exam. (160 this year, last year 140)
      v. Fragmentation of material in class + large course load
      vi. Overall curriculum/scheduling – contradicting lifelong learning
      vii. Course hours would remain the same
      viii. Rearrange courses so there are only ~3-5 courses at a time and the period of time they would be offered
            1. Ex: 4 classes for a 9-week period and another 9-week period with other 4-5 classes.
      ix. Clinical, Communication, Health Disparities Awareness/Skills
      x. Summary: an overall rescheduling of courses and examinations
      xi. M2 curriculum and schedule is also being trialed, much easier to rearrange for M2.

D.) Overview of Events
   a. Barn Dance- Tim Feldheim
      i. Few issues with busses did get a $300 refund from bus company.
      ii. Did break even.
   b. Apparel Sale- Tim Feldheim
      i. Treasurer Report- $2,500-$3,000 (previous year: Spring sale: $600)
      ii. Dispersal of Orders- should be done by the middle of next week.
      iii. Pre-Packaging: December 9th- Tim, Johnny, Jin, Tad, Nathan, Chelsea
      iv. Dispersal of Orders: December 10th- Tim, Jin, etc.
   c. Extra Comments

E.) G.E.O- Teaching Assistant Strike- Kristen Ehrenberger
   a. Not Available

F.) Committee Meeting Reports
   a. Executive Committee
      i. December meeting canceled
   b. Educational Policies Committee
      i. Reviewed Minutes
      ii. Review of the Charge of the Committee
         1. Discussion
         2. Deleted an overlap of charge with Student Progress and Promotions Committee
         3. There should be communication between all 4 campuses (revision of a clause).
      iii. Nora: there is a process to change the clause.
c. **Student Progress and Promotions Committee**
   i. Did not meet.
d. **Library Committee**
   i. Planning the first meeting
e. **Introduction to Clinical Medicine Committee**
   i. November 5th, most course directors were not there
   ii. Present survey: about MBME Pharmacology Exam
   iii. 29/32 students- 92% wanted to take the exam
   iv. Take the exam for a grade? 50/50
   v. In discussion with the other four sites- all must agree
f. **Basic Sciences Committee**
   i. Overlap with Dean Wragg’s presentation
   ii. Curriculum reorganization has not been voted on
   iii. Ex: Anatomy and Physiology would be put together
   iv. Ex: Biochemistry/Embryology/Genetics together
   v. Include Health Disparities, IHD, Physical Exams
   vi. Exams every three weeks with similar amounts of information on each.
   vii. Exam Reviews-
      1. If professors would like to discuss the exams with students they may.
g. **Clinical Affairs Committee**
   i. Did not meet.
h. **Volunteer Committee**
   i. Compañía de Salud
      1. What kind of booths at the fair?
      2. What was done last year?
      3. Look for Volunteers to head sub-committees
i. **Foreign Exchange Committee**
   i. Thinking about disbanding committee
   ii. How can M4s go on rotations out of the country

G.) **MSPAC Report**- Aidas Mattis
   a. Holiday Party
   b. T.A. Survey: how to get a TA-ship
      i. Committee being formed to better the Medical School TA-ing System.
H.) **UMSC Report**- Jin Lee & Kerry Storms
   a. In Chicago-
      i. Had the highest placement 92% \(\rightarrow\) 98% (after scramble)
      ii. School ranking has gone up.
b. Admissions and Tuition
   i. 7,000 applications to UIC – but trending downward
   ii. Admit less than 5% of out of state applications
   iii. 50% matriculation rate, if given interview
   iv. Minority rate from 23% to 30% (other Chicago schools - 15%, Big Ten- 12%)
   v. GPA and MCAT about the same. (GPA= 3.5-3.6; MCAT 10/subject)
c. Tuition:
   i. 3% increase for tuition- for incoming and future students
d. **Humanism and Medicine Award**
i. Clinical Faculty member must be nominated  
ii. M3s and M4s  
iii. Due in February  
e. New Financial Aid  
i. New Scholarships for Incoming Students  
   1. 3 in Chicago  
   2. 3 in Urbana  

I.) Amendment of the Constitution  

Proposed amendment:  

Article III, Section E:  

Two acting Urbana Medical Student Government representatives from each class shall serve as Liaisons to Academic Affairs. If a class has more than two elected UMSG representatives, the UMSG shall elect two by simple majority. The duties of Liaisons shall include:  

i. Gathering student opinions and concerns from members (of) the Liaison’s class regarding academic policy  

ii. Meeting with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at least once a semester  

iii. Delivering to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs any student policy curricular concerns that are common to many students or otherwise of pressing importance  

Vote: Need 2/3 - Unanimous.  

J.) Closing Remarks, Concerns, Suggestions, and Questions  
   a. Future Events: Talent/Auction Show, Spring Formal, etc.  
   b. I-Hotel, Stadium- Spring Formal  
   c. Cowboy Monkey, High Dive, White Horse- Talent/Auction Show  
   d. Mike Dixon: $300 kickback should go towards another “involved” student event.  

K.) Adjournment of Meeting  

L.) Next Meeting: January 15, 2013 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.