

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

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