STUDENT EXPECTATIONS OF THE FACULTY

1. I want to learn how to be a good assistant in surgery, to have the opportunity to occasionally tie knots and close wounds.

2. In the operating room please explain the surgical procedure to me so I can understand it better. I would also appreciate the opportunity to occasionally touch and feel the tissues and organs you are working with.

3. Please provide me with frequent feedback about my performance, about my progress notes, histories and physicals and any discharge summaries I do. Please let me know if I should dictate discharge summaries.

4. I would like to be called by the nurses when I am on call so that I can see the patients, then call you with my assessment of the problem.

5. Please remember that there are certain required activities that I must attend, such as Surgery Care, lectures, a cast clinic, suture workshops and other conferences. I would like to leave in time so I am not late getting to them.

6. Please allow me time to read to learn more about surgery and to prepare for the clerkship examination. This is not to mean that I don’t fully intend to perform the clinical duties which are expected of me, but I do need some quality time to read.

7. Please call me for emergency admissions and surgical procedures when I am on call.

8. Please let me know how I can improve. Your feedback about my performance is important to me so that I am aware of what areas I need to improve.