

CHICAGO MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL GENERAL BODY MEETING
JULY 30, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30pm

II. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- A. Secretary: Jonathan Kaplan (jkapla2@uic.edu)
 - I. Motion to pass minutes approved
- B. President: Chris Toupin (ctoupi1@uic.edu)
 - I. Want to revise the constitution this year so that we have an up to date official document we can refer to during the meetings. The constitution is currently online for everyone to view. If you would like to be part of the revision process please take a look at the constitution online and email any one of the e-board members by August 20th with any suggestions you may have. The e-board will be working on getting it finalized within the next few months
 - II. Please update your addresses in the Auricle web-system so that your contact information is accurate. This will allow the school and other students to contact you any time.
- C. Vice President: Ashlee Goldsmith (agolds2@uic.edu)
 - I. Committee interviews: You must re-apply even if you are on a committee already. There will be an information meeting on August 20th. The interviews will be held on September 4th, 5th, and 6th.
- D. Treasurer: Daniel A. Novella V. (novella@uic.edu)
 - I. Budget: We are currently working on the budget and the e0board will be meeting to further discuss it.
 - II. Any suggestions for the food at the meetings are welcome. We are trying to get restaraunts that we have not had in the past so please let Dan know.
 - III. Funding day: The e-board will try to review the proposals in advance and send out emails to the individual groups with suggestions for their projects. This will help to give each group a few ideas to work with and will also let them know that their budget has been received.
- E. UMSC Rep: Carrie Nieman (cniema2@uic.edu)
 - I. Leadership retreat will be Sunday, September 30th. This will be required for the leadership series and it is also required that each organization have one representative in attendance.
- F. Advisor: Dr. Yee-Kin Ho (ykho@uic.edu)
 - I. A competency document is being worked on for the Illinois campuses
 - II. Dr. Mayer is the official dean for medical education.
 - III. They are still working on moving GI and _____ around to better fit in the curriculum. There are also changes in histology that are in progress including some consolidation of histology and cell biology coursework.
 - IV. 13 of 16 M1 exams were higher scoring this year. It may be due to the changes in the curriculum.
 - V. There are already over 7000 applications for the next year! There was a 23% increase at UIC while the nationwide increase in applicants was only 6%. This is a great improvement and hopefully it will continue.

III. CMSC OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- A. Alumni Rep: Vidhi Srivastava (vsrivstv@uic.edu)
- B. Webmaster: Dan Novella (novella@uic.edu)
 - I. Added a link for campus care to answer general questions. There are two documents: 1) what you are entitled to and 2) what you need to do to get this. There are also phone numbers to contact certain departments and the link to campus care.
 - II. Would like to add a few pictures from our meetings to entice people to get involved with CMSC.

- III. The copy of the constitution is on the webpage. Dan will be working on getting a better resolution format on the webpage and also a word document.

IV. REPORTS:

A. Class Officer Reports:

- I. M4
- II. M3
 - 1. Started rotations after taking our Step 1 exam. The first round of shelf exams are coming up.
 - 2. M3s Rock!
- III. M2
 - 1. Planning a meeting for the class board to plan a social event for the future
 - 2. Orientation
 - a. Starts on the Monday, not Tuesday like stated
 - b. Tuesday and Wednesday they will be starting at 9am rather than 8am. Also, Tuesday afternoon will be the barbeque mixer to mingle with the faculty and other students. Wednesday will be the Cubs day. Thursday will be the boat cruise. Friday they will have off and Saturday is the white coat ceremony

B. Committee Reports:

- I. M1/M2
 - 1. Did not meet in July but they did meet in June.
- II. M3/M4 (Anna)
 - 1. Voted to recommend full approval for pediatric Sub-I. They are also adding Lutheran General and Children's hospital as new sites.
 - 2. Will continue to update everyone as to the changes in the Specialty electives. A final report will be available soon.
- III. Curriculum
 - 1. June report:
 - a. Approved the minutes from all the committee meetings.
 - b. ECM 3-4 discussion: Student would be eligible for make-up exams even if they failed all courses except ECM. Although not many M2s have makeup exams, it is still something to be considered. Many students are concerned about the unfair weighting of credit hours, especially in regards to AOA and other programs involving credit hours. The ECM curriculum is being cut-down a lot next year which will give more free time to students for other scholastic activities.
 - c. Amount of M2s who delayed step 1. Typically there are only 20 that delay but this year there were over 40. This will affect the following class in scheduling rotations and filling positions for core clerkships. We can lose sites if we do not fill these sites and we may not be able to get them back. We need to look into why so many students delayed and figure out what can be done to make changes.
 - d. Promotions guidelines: Using the new guidelines, there were only 2 students that could not take makeup exams that would have been able to do it in the past. This year there were only 33 students that had makeup exams as opposed to 53 in 2005-5006.
- IV. SAC
 - 1. Met in June and July but no report
- V. ECM Clinical Skills Advisory Committee: No meeting
- VI. HPSC: No meeting

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Facilities Update

- I. Annex is being switched over to a student organization space so it needs to be cleared by Wed. August 8th.
- II. New research building will be allowing us to use some rooms as study spaces. We need to take care of this area and be sure to respect the rules and keep it in the best shape possible. We are going to be using a 'reservation' system through UGME, however we are trying to work out a better system for access to the study rooms. We do not currently know which rooms are available but there will be about 7 or 8 conference rooms available for use.
- III. Room 106: Trying to make changes to improve the desks. A few changes have been made that students can sample and give input on what they like.

B. Leadership Series Update

- I. CMSC launched the certification last year and we will be continuing it this year. It will be similar to last year and will have the same layout as last year. We are going to make some minor changes to get more M3s and M4s involved. It is designed to be repeated every year. Just a reminder, the retreat is required for certification so be sure to go. We will be at the activities fair to try to get more M1s involved. This will go on your Dean's letter so it is good to get involved.

C. Alumni Reunion weekend set for October 5th, 2007

D. UMSC meeting is scheduled for September 29th and it is in Chicago.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Please email Ashlee prior to committee meetings if you are going to be absent.
- B. Nancy Nolan has retired from working with the university so be sure to say thankyou for all of her hard work
- C. MD-PhD program is now funded by NIH. This is a great step forward and the program is expanding by leaps and bounds. We have gotten it for five years.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:22 pm

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