



CHICAGO MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Dialogue with the Deans
October 19, 2009

Dean Flaherty- Updates at UIC

LCME – Students at UIC do well in their careers

Students were able to raise concerns about facilities, study space, academic advising, rotation evaluations, etc. Weakness is with financing from the state

Alumni reunion – Alumni enjoyed the presence of the students, beginning to rely on donations from alumni etc, so student presence is very important at these events. 30 million dollar gift given by an alumni will be used for facilities, 75 million overall would be needed to overhaul facilities at the school. Intend to replace the seats in the lecture halls with two seat desks to allow easier usage of computers etc. Key card access to areas around the school for study space

Elizabeth Podczewinski – LCME update: Nov 16 LCME committee will be coming to UIC to tour the facilities, need 3 M1,M2s students to do this along with lunch. 4:15pm M3, M4 students needed to Nov 17 4:15 hospital tour by M3, M4s. Email Elizabeth at epodcz2@uic.edu if interested, especially if you are a student that is involved with any of the academic committees/student groups here.

Dean Kashmia – Follow up of previous DWD issues –

Alternative Sub-I's - Dean Mayer currently taking individual requests for alternative rotations for accommodations. Working on curriculum change to allow for formal options to be put in place.

Specialties Course – working on additional options currently in M3-4 committee

International rotations – program currently being developed through the department of medical education in Asia, South America, and the Middle East. Thailand, Vietnam, Mexico specifically being worked on at this point

Student Presentation

Transparency at UIC – Where is our tuition going? –

29,394 per year for in state tuition – 37 million each year from students

1996 – tuition was 11,979 which is a 257% increase

Continual problem is statement that there is not enough funding/staffing to improve the educational environment

Want to retain quality professors and advisors as a direct benefit of education, eg. Unable to keep Dr. Singh as an anatomy professor

Faculty that have attended here regularly comment that the lecture halls have not changed in 20 years.

Ideas for transparency : Seeing annual budget of how funds are allocated, letting students be involved with decision-making, how do departments get funding, why does UIC get less funding than private institutions

Dean Dantes – Tuition rates have been rising faster than inflation, and is a nation-wide issue, not just here at UIC.

Research and Clinical revenue are the main sources of revenue – insurance and medicaid/medicare reimbursements have been constricted. Working on more substantial funding from the state, new board of trustees is aggressively pursuing options.

Provost – 6million used for library, facilities, business office, IT infrastructure etc

5million to OSA, Registrar, Fin Aid etc at all four campuses

26 million for 1000 faculty members at UIC that spend their time teaching here

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Medical schools need on average 80 million a year to operate, across public and private. Clinical revenue is typically makes up the difference, and is currently under pressure. Under-funded on the state level, eg. UCLA receives 200,000 per student from the state, average is 80,000, here we receive 50,000 per student.
Role of student evaluation in faculty retention – all faculty going for promotion have a component that includes student feedback.

Billy Michael – New Coat Patches

Original design in 1990, implemented by Dean Sandlow

Would prefer a patch that demonstrates 125 year history

Intend to have a patch contest to allow students to vote for a new design by January, and have them implemented by next year.