



CHICAGO MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Dialogue with the Deans

April 12, 2010

Dean Flaherty- Updates at UIC

Met with city consulate and discussed reinstatement of funds from the state. State is going to make cuts, and this will hurt recruitment of faculty.

UIH ended year well (over 16 million in the black). The surplus will be used to purchase another robot (dual consult robot). This will increase chance to train. UIH will also purchase a gamma knife which will allow pinpointing of radiation to tumor. Only three in the city right now.

Received more gifts and total now adds up to 225 million. Current gift period ends December 2011 and goal is 250 million. In another, 2-3 more years could add up to 300 million.

Conference with Senator Kirk on Stem Cell Initiative Research headed by Carrie Neiman last Thursday.

Peoria received 25 million dollar gift from Jump-Trading (from an alumni of Urbana engineering department)

Simulation center in Peoria

Simulation center in Chicago possibly in future with another donor

Dean Weiner – Test questions

Students wanted to see questions after test to learn from them, but faculty worried about security of test questions.

Now thinking of reviewing questions with students shortly after taking exam but before test grades are reported (with certain limits).

Dr. Ho, Dr. Gunther are willing to participate

Curriculum Update—Case based learning

LCME is also encouraging case based learning (CBL). We have been approved for the next 8 years, and we should try to initiate changes during this time. Invite students to meetings regarding CBL. Keep students updated on committee meetings, and work with students on committees or other students. Faculty can request student participation and council can identify appropriate students. Financing CBL—find a way for faculty and their departments to be credited for their contribution to curriculum. Set aside state dollars to create incentives (and disincentives). Computerized logging systems used by other universities to keep track of contributions of faculty.

Dean Loy—Sub-internships

Difficult to determine if sub-internship's expectations are met. Give questionnaire to course directors to determine equivalency of sub-internships. This contains key components that curriculum decided should be present in sub-internships.

M3/M4 committee—mission of and content of specialty course (2 weeks), input from students, restructuring

Dr. Weiner/Dean Dantes – Civil Service

Civil Service works independently of administration. Staff can get moved (“bumped”) based on seniority. Not a reflection of administration. Bump and cut are not the same. Bump means staff will go to another department.

Luis Grau(M1 class president)—US News and World Report

M1 class concerned about not being included in ranking and going down in ranking. Objective ranking of medical schools with certain criteria (peer assessment, assessment score by residency directors, etc) and admission data.

In 2008, UIC COM ranked 44/146, residency director rated it 4/5, and in terms of NIH funding UIC ranked 49/140

A Survey was sent out to students regarding Survey N=212 responses 90% wanted UIC to participate, 70% of students did use US News and World Report when deciding on a medical school.

Majority Report: 1.Objective comparison

2. Free Publicity

3. We're not that low (email lgrau2@uic.edu for more info)

Why hasn't UIC participated as of late? Will UIC participate? What is the vision for UIC in the future?

Dr. Weiner—Last chancellor told all of the departments of UIC not to participate in US News and World Report. Decision not to give information was thought out and intentional.

Elicited faculty input. Contacted US News.

UIC COM does very well without being in US News—almost 8,000 applicants per year. It is a competitive school and one of the most applied to medical school. Increase in number of applicants much more than other schools (15%).

US News is elitist and doesn't measure other qualities UIC values, such as diversity.

UIC is the largest medical school in the country, and UIC not participating doesn't look good to US News either.

International Affairs—electives

UIC has collaborations in 51 countries.

www.medicine.uic.edu/international General info about studying abroad. Useful for interested students.

International externships—all UIC collaborations

IFIMSA link on international affair page—120 countries with information on number of cities, programs, disciplines, cost, and etc

Many sections under constructions, but a useful site for students who might be interested in taking elective abroad in the future.

Dean Kashima—2010 Match Summary

Largest NRMP match in history.

Most student: 75% matched in not competitive for first choice specialty, 12.5% HAD USMLE Score issues, 12.5% had poor interview/interpersonal skills.

Post-match scramble results—7 preliminary surgery, 1 peds, 1 pathology, 6 will participate in 2011 match

Top 5 Categories: Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, ER, OB/GYN, Anesthesiology

U of I: 59% stayed in Illinois

More information on OSA website

Bhavna Balaney—Match Day

OSA will sponsor match day. Cost will decrease for students. Venue not finalized. Match committee needs to meet with advancement and OSA. (email bbalan2@uic.edu for more information)

Dean Kashima/Mark Urosev—better ways to help students:

email, work with CMSC

Streamline OSA website. Create a blackboard site for each class and include all services.

Immunization compliance

Documentation and database information will be made available in online table in future

Student questions:

When will students have access to test questions? Access to question starts next year for M1s and M2s.

What other subinternship options? Medicine, Peds, and subinternships in other institutions. Also, Surgery and OB are offered here.

Additional options for 2 week specialty courses? Broadening focus

Transcript representation of specialty courses? Beginning Fall semester specialty courses will be itemized, not in Summer

Why does UIC not receive as much state funding?

State funding declining for state universities in general—national trend

Private valued more, public devaluation

Need more funding, higher taxes

No worse than other state universities in Illinois. Leverage state dollars (14 to 1) in medical school. COM receive 38 million/year from state

How many schools don't participate in US News ranking?

Luis: Don't know exact number, but most medical schools participate (~80%).