

# UNIVERSITY MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL

Minutes for April 22, 2006 meeting

Meeting started at 10:02am.

- I. Welcome & Introductions by Tamika Alexander
- II. Motion was made by Rupal Mehta, seconded and minutes were unanimously approved for the March 11, 2006 Meeting at UICOM-Rockford
- III. President's Report – Tamika Alexander
  - A. New policies with CCSP have passed. The new policy is for M1/M2 students to pass at least 67% of weighted curriculum to qualify to take make-up exams. This will take affect for all classes in the next academic year. Students must pass at least 40% of weighted curriculum to be eligible for a repeat year, to take the whole year over. In the past, students did not have to retake all classes. This policy will be emailed by student affairs, please review this policy when it is sent to you so you understand these changes. These changes are meant to help students who are struggling early on.
    - i. Students expressed concern about being advised in the past to fail certain classes to be able to focus on passing other classes. There is a concern about “playing the numbers” in M1 year. Deans Flaherty and Sandlow stated there will be discussions so students will not be advised to fail classes.
    - ii. Trying to take away the stigma about decompressing
  - B. Clinical years – Eliminate “needs remediation” because clerkship directors don't want to be the one to kick a student out of medical school. If student retakes the clerkship and fails, it is grounds for dismissal.
    - i. Susan Hundorff is investigating if it is possible to post these failures on student's record to distinguish between students who passed the first time, from those who did not. Dean Sandlow responded that they follow the AAMC guidelines.
    - ii. Concern of not enough time while on clerkships to study for shelf exams. Talk to your local student governments about specific issues/concerns.
- IV. Vice-President's Report – Yogi Patel
  - A. College Committee Reports
    - i. Instruction and Appraisal (CCIA) – Paul Jeziorczak
      - a. There is a new CCIA rep.
      - b. Report on professionalism was presented. Recommendations on teaching students and evaluating faculty on professionalism. Going to try to make a university wide effort.
      - c. Extend policy that just need to sit for Step 2 CS for graduation, at least until scores/reports get back faster. This will be re-evaluated every year. The passing score is needed to be eligible to sit for Step 3.
      - d. Timeliness of grade reporting – question of review process
    - ii. Student Promotions (CCSP) –
      - a. (see president's report)
    - iii. Admissions (CCA) – Brandy Becker

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  - iv. Student Awards and Scholarships (CCSAS) – Jennifer Benderl
    - a. Nominee for humanism award.
    - b. Trend of more applicants applying to U of I than nationally. 19% increased in applicants, national is 4.8
    - c. Admissions have changed to accept students more slowly to help control the number of incoming M1s.
    - d. Students screeners have been involved
    - e. Criminal background check – IL requires criminal background checks for admissions for the incoming class. FBI only supplies checks for state institutions. Fingerprinting will be done; admissions will be contingent upon background checks. The specifics are being worked out through admissions.
    - f. Question about limiting numbers of out-of-state students: In state funding is going down, cost is going up, state sets the amount that the tuition can go up each year, so they accept more out of state students. This needs to be addressed with state legislators. There is not a set percentage of in-state students that need to be accepted. Dean Flaherty's biggest concern is the rising cost of the medical school because not all students will be able to afford medical school; want students of all backgrounds to be able to go to medical school. Want UIC to be comparable to the other schools in Chicago, this is difficult if we can't pay faculty to come to UIC to do research.
    - g. Chicago is making strong attempts to improve alumni relations.
  - v. Foreign Exchange (FEC) – Sonya Kenkare
    - a. King College fellowship in England: this was the last year. However, the college is still open if students are interested in going and making their own arrangements, there is no longer a scholarship.
    - b. Committee moving in the direction of getting information from all 4 campuses about international elective and creating an internet database.
    - c. IFMSA is an international organization that is available with all students.
    - d. Urbana has an exchange student from Singapore.
- V. Secretary's Report – Katie Franzwa
  - A. Make sure you signed in
  - B. Please email/hand in a synopsis of reports to me (kfranz1@uic.edu)
- VI. Treasurer's Report – Avni Vora
  - A. To be reimbursed for travel, you must have another UMSC passenger with you. Need to put down UINs.
  - B. HPSC has reimbursement for conferences, see their website.
  - C. Please let treasurer know if there have been any budgeting problems this year so they can better prepare next year's budget.
- VII. Historian's Report – Yogi Patel
  - A. The website is redone and looks great!
- VIII. Organization of Student Representative's Report – Paul Jeziorczak
  - A. Humanism in Medicine award.

- B. National spring meeting in Philadelphia –
  - i. NBME update: no current plans to add sites for Step 2 CS. Complaints about not getting scheduling tickets. Step 2 score reporting times (CS ~8wks), NBME is happy with their timing, they say only 10% don't get scores within 8wks. MCATS will also be done through same system. Opening a center at UIUC. Let student affairs and OSR rep know if there are problems and contact NBME directly. Possible Step 4 exam to evaluate professionalism while in practice. Starting in December Step 1 will be reviewed, and then another step every year.
  - ii. Match update: Adult neurology is moved to regular match, pediatric neurology and neuro-surgery is still early match. Early match is done on paper. Different institutions vary on how they handle the scramble. No consensus on a second match. As of next year, geriatrics will no longer be an available fellowship. National agenda to increase admissions; drive to get US applicants into US spots
    - a. \*go for what you want, but have a back up plan!
- IX. HPSC rep – Adam Meisel (meisel@uic.edu)
  - A. Revised constitution for HPSC
    - i. Lack of attendance will result in decreased funding. Possibility of teleconferencing so students at site other than Chicago.
    - ii. Travel award policies are quarterly, apply based on last day of travel. This is because of tax regulations. Link to copy of application was emailed out. May tie into financial aid and be counted as scholarship. If you have any questions, please send emails to Adam.
  - B. Looking into increase in student fees, assessment fees
- X. Student Health Liaison Report – Bryce Ching
  - A. No emails to report
  - B. Dependent care is very expensive
  - C. Question on policy on coverage when patient is transferred.
  - D. If there are problems, please contact Bryce and contact CampusCare
- XI. Site Reports
  - A. Chicago – Ashlee Goldsmith
    - a. **UIC-COM Health Fair:** On April 15<sup>th</sup> UIC held its first (of hopefully) an annual health fair. The event was a huge success with over 300 people in attendance. We provided FREE screening for several diseases including hypertension, asthma, obesity, breast cancer, diabetes, HIV, high cholesterol and glaucoma. Through fun and entertaining activities, we educated young and old on how to prevent these serious conditions. Overall, the UIC student turn-out was exceptional and the students really reached out to the community – it was great to see and fun to be a part of such an amazing event.
      - i. Some highlights included
        - Over 30 people were identified as having high eye pressure or need for correction and were referred to UIC ophthalmology for follow-up.
        - 26 people were tested for HIV (which doesn't sound like much, but most health fairs typically draw between 10-15 people at most).

- The mammogram van was packed and over 25 people got mammograms (which is capacity for the van).
- The pediatrics corner was packed with kids learning about nutrition and exercise through fun games
- There were salsa dance and cooking demonstrations – some patrons stayed for over 2 hours!
  - b. **CMSC E-board elections:** New President Shoeb Sitafalwalla [ssitaf1@UIC.EDU] and new CMSC rep to UMSC is Ashlee Goldsmith [agolds2@uic.edu].
  - c. **UIC Match Day/Grad Ball:** UIC match was successful and the match day itself, held at Germania Place was also a great success. Graduation Ball will be held Wednesday, May 3, 2005 7:00 pm Black Tie Optional, Preston Bradley Hall Chicago Cultural Center.
  - d. **Alumni Advocates:** CMSC in conjunction with the UIC Alumni Council is starting an Alumni Advocates program that will create an opportunity for UIC students to meet Alumni for career advice. The idea is to grow this program over time so that the student access to alumni increases over time and to promote student participation in the program following graduation.
  - e. **Leadership Award:** CMSC and the Deans are in the final stages of approving a leadership program for students. The College of Medicine Student Leadership Program is designed to offer UIC-COM Medical students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. The primary objectives of the program are to teach students about the traits and styles of leaders, to help students create a vision and to then develop strategies that can make their vision come to fruition. The program requires completion of three components; attendance at the annual leadership retreat and two leadership lectures, plus completion of an individual project. When completed the student will earn a Leadership Certificate that will be included in his or her Dean's letter.
  - f. **Arts and Recognition Ceremony:** On Thursday this past week over 50 students in all four classes were recognized and awarded for significant accomplishments achieved over the past year. Some of those recognized were AOA members, Gold Humanism Society members, Research Forum winners, Student Leadership and Service awards, and more.

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Peoria –

- a. Graduation date 5/6 1:30pm at the Civic Center
- b. Annual Student Awards Night & Banquet will take place Thursday evening, 5/4/06
- c. UICOMP is currently undergoing a Strategic Planning process which has several components and goals. One component is an exhaustive curriculum review. A student focus group is planned to gain student opinion and feedback

- on the current curriculum in place as well as explore changes students would like to see
      - d. Cultural competency training during M3 training, it is not mandatory however a letter will be included in Dean's letter
      - e. **The Academic Skills Specialist position has been re-opened. Interviews will begin later this summer and fall**
      - f. St. Francis is looking to build an addition
  - C. Rockford – James Ha ([jha2@uic.edu](mailto:jha2@uic.edu))/Iroso Abu
    - a. Match went well
    - b. Baby goods drive went well
    - c. M2 Curriculum: Discussed making lectures (M2's, M3's) available in audio form via I-tunes. Teachers can individually decide not to do it.
    - d. M3/M4 Curriculum: Update on OB/GYN Review. Discussion of "M4 Traffic Rule" about how much time a student can spend away from campus during the M4 year. Decision not to take any action at this time. Proposal for business cards for students. No action to be done at this time
    - e. Peer mentoring program: We have been working on the program and there seems to be great interest among the current M2s. Kathy Norman has approved the application for peer mentors. We're developing an intro to Rockford booklet for the incoming class and working on an invitation to M1s to join the program. We'll be meeting within the next week to assess our progress. If anyone has any further ideas/suggestions about the program, please email Christina. ([christinatragos@hotmail.com](mailto:christinatragos@hotmail.com)) Potential involvement by the M3/4's for the current M2's as their respective mentors.
    - f. Tamika would like to point out that there are M3's at Rockford
      - i. New secretary for Peds and OB
      - ii. Now have residents on inpatient peds
    - g. CME: There is potential for new regional hospital CME opportunities at Provena St. Joseph in Elgin. This hospital may be the future site of University of Illinois internal medicine residencies, so it would be great to have CME programs offered there too. Audio CME programs in the form of Podcasts may be available soon. This allows doctors to listen to lectures in their free time as well as allowing CME to reach a broader audience, especially for doctors that have to drive long distances to CME events. This may necessitate a technology lecture.
  - D. Urbana – Colleen Dickinson
    - a. Formal was nice
    - b. Variety show was well attended, raised money as Aid for Ecuador
    - c. Now doing an Aid for Kenya – will have a Keg for Kenya
    - d. Graduation is May 7<sup>th</sup>
    - e. Research Symposium
      - i. Graham set up a website about research being done
    - f. Looking into having physiology lab
    - g. Family day is tomorrow
    - h. Aikeisha Shelby, in light of new policy changes, wants a proposal set forth by committee members of ways to help students who are failing to get the help they need
  - E. MSP – Graham Huesmann
    - a. Met with Joe White, University President, to explain MSP. Dean Schwartz gave a PowerPoint presentation.
- XII. Old Business
  - A. Search committee for Senior Associate Dean of Students – Some people feel the new Dean should be an MD, others believe it should be

the best candidate regardless. Survey passed out about what students are looking for in new Dean. Ex-Dean Hammett wrote a letter about: want someone to decrease failures and make-ups. There is a student from each site on the committee.

- B. HPSC budget changes – Chicago was getting a large portion of funding from HPSC, Dean Kashima has been working on schools getting money based on how many students are at each site.
  - C. Site Annual Reports – would like each site to write up objective and goals and if they were accomplished and an explanations by June 1<sup>st</sup>, they will then be posted on the website.
    - i. Examples of UMSC objectives: Fundraising and Budget; Communication and cooperation between sites; Improvement of CampusCare; Humanism and Professionalism
  - D. Election of New College Committee Reps
    - i. CCIA alternate election (James Ha, Meredith Wicklund, John Paul Yu)– Motion made, seconded and passed to open CCIA election to all present – James Ha is the new CCIA alternate, 7 votes to 5 and 5.
    - ii. Need CCSAS for Peoria
- XIII. New Business
- A. AOA distinguished teach award – last year no one was nominated. Students should encourage department to nominate professor. An email was sent out from Tamika on this, please review it. This is different from the Humanism in Medicine award.
  - B. Urbana student government needs to be register with SORF every year (by the campus calendar)
  - C. Committee for Medical Research - the M1s going to Peoria and Rockford will hopefully continue next year. There is currently a search for an Associate Dean of Research, they will likely head CCR. Will need someone from Chicago. Possibly have medical student only research symposium day. The link to the website is:  
<http://www.med.uiuc.edu/studorg/ccr/>
    - i. Colleen Dickinson moved that we dismiss current reps to CCR and select new CCR reps at each site when the committee is restarted. Graham expressed concern that the committee might restart before new members are elected leaving no student representatives at the meeting. It was discussed that sites could hold elections when a new associate dean is elected hopefully in time for the first meeting. The motion was restated, seconded and passed. Graham abstained from voting.
  - D. Election of UMSC officers
    - i. President – Tamika was nominated, accepted, unopposed
    - ii. Vice President – Yogi was nominated, accepted, unopposed
    - iii. Treasurer – Avni was nominated, accepted, unopposed
    - iv. Secretary – Katie and Colleen were nominated, accepted, Colleen will be next year's secretary.
    - v. Historian – Bryce was nominated, accepted, unopposed
  - E. Make sure your committee reps know that committees meet during the summer.

XIV. Closing

Motion was made to adjourn, was seconded Meeting ended at 2:57pm.