

FEINBERG STUDENT SENATE MEETING

28 November 2007

*** Indicates a previously discussed issue*

1. New Groups

- **Doc-apella-** [3rd attendance; Rebecca Cantone] Faculty advisor is Dr. Ryan; would like Senate funding to purchase music
 - o *Senate voted in favor of recognition*
- **Oncology Interest Group-** [Revival; Eric (M1)] Programming to include shadowing opportunities, speakers, journal club
 - o *Senate voted in favor of recognition*

2. Winter Formal – Ellen Stolar (Formal Committee Chair)

- Possible new location: Alhambra Palace (a restaurant in the West Loop)
- Committee members will be visiting the site on Friday, November 30th to gauge its appropriateness
- Senate members are in favor of full plated dinner over heavy appetizers (mezza table)
- Projected Costs: For Alhambra- inc. food, gratuity, DJ, favors (but not bartender) – \$46-54pp
- Projected Funding: \$2500 from Senate, \$1000 from Alumni Association

3. AAMC OSR – Eugene Duke, Josh Evans

- AAMC OSRs often send out surveys regarding opinions/behaviors/etc to other medical schools
 - o Good resource for Senate if we are wondering about other medical schools
- Summary of topics discussed at the most recent national AAMC meeting- *Contact Eugene Duke for more information*
 - o College Cost Reduction Act (Changes to be in effect on July 1, 2009)
 - o Student health insurance
 - o Pharmaceutical influence on medical education
 - o Visiting student application services (possible change to AMCAS-style)
 - o Increasing medical school enrollment and problems associated w/it
 - o Personalized financial aid office (demographic information to aid in scholarships)
 - o EM PEX (URoch; voluntary program in which upperclassmen teach underclassmen, the top 10 procedures seen in the ER & subsequently, underclassmen can perform procedures)
 - o International Health Opportunities
 - o Changes to USMLE (will be changing in 2011 or later)
 - o Learning Communities

4. College System** - Arjun Venkatesh

- Dr. Reifler will soon (by early 2008) integrate the colleges based on “day”; 4 mentors will be combined together
- Role of Senate: Consider more students in the leadership? Arrange upperclass-underclass teaching opportunities, advice sessions, “kick-off” social event

5. Student Health Insurance** - Ben Gray

- The Graduate Council will be proposing changes to the insurance plans to Don Misch and The Chickering Group on December 1, 2007

6. Amendments to the Senate Constitution** - Martin Pham

- Senate voted in favor of the changes regarding elections, inactive student organizations

7. Student Lounge** - Lakshmi Tummala

- Poker tournament with Dr. Traisman on Friday, November 30

8. Senate Newsletter - Leslie Kim**

- Positive feedback from September issue
- Next issue will be in January- will arrange for better distribution to upperclassmen on IDM days
 - o M4s: January 9, February 6 | M3s: January 18

9. Silent Auction - Darren Boyd**

- Date has been set: Thursday, April 17, 2008
- Will still have some form of silent auction but M1s are in dialogue w/Development about developing Parents Program

10. Study Rooms in Galter - Jason Rho**

- No student comments have been voiced lately

11. Research Thesis Program - Martin Pham**

- Martin spoke with both Richard Green (head of MSSRP/RTP) and Rex Chisolm (Dean of Research)
- RTP is an actual training program for research- no funding is given
- Do not have to have completed MSSRP to apply
- Martin will meet with Dean Jameson in 2 weeks

12. Senate Funds – Lindsay Kuo

- COFO is awesome now with Tiki's help
- CUFS money is yet to be received (\$23,000)
- Quarterly reports for student organizations are due in January