
**Alumni Society Board of Governors
April 25, 2016
801 N. Rutledge, Medical Library
Springfield, Illinois**

Present:

Deborah Albright, MD
Elizabeth Cavanagh, MD
Michael Clanahan, Class of 2016
Robert Farmer, MD
David Goldberg, MD
Gordon Grado, MD
Jacqueline Harris, MD
Joe Houston
Nedra Joyner, MD
Robert Juranek, MD
Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH
Niva Lubin-Johnson, MD
Jordan Markel, Class of 2018
Cris Milliken

Mary Molo, MD
Sean Murray, Class of 2017
Adolfo Napolez, MD
Nicole Pelly, MD
Karla Polaschek, MD
Necole Powell
Susan Reeder, MD
Brian Reinholz, Class of 2019
Julie Robbs
Nicole Sommer, MD
Joseph Tamimie, MD
Michael Williamson, MD
Matthew Winkleman, MD

President Elizabeth Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Introductions were made. The minutes from the October, 25 meeting were approved.

- 1. Critical Clinical Competency Training & Year 3 Changes** – Dr. Kruse presented “Better Healthcare Education, Better Health Care, Better Health,” which outlined the mission of SIU SOM, awards and recognitions received, our education and curriculum event timeline, recent curriculum changes including the Longitudinal Performance Examination (LPE), Comprehensive Evaluation of Clinical Curriculum, clinical reasoning and professional development, critical clinical competency, and various internal studies performed by the SOM including the diagnostic justification of competency, a socialization study, and a coaching study. He added that the new curriculum will be partially implemented in July, 2016, maximizing student interactions with patients, providing a more personalized education plan, and better preparing our students for residency.
- 2. Dean’s Report** – Dr. Kruse provided an additional presentation including SIU SOM’s historic identity, described the Triple Aim +1 plan, and highlighted the SOM history and quick facts related to the SOM and SIU HealthCare. Currently we have 254 physicians on faculty. There has been a large change in administrative leadership and SIU Healthcare, as well as changes for the clinical chairs and the various Associate Deans/Associate Provosts of the school. SIU SOM is the only U.S. medical school to receive eight consecutive years of LCME accreditation without a citation, and the only medical school in the world to receive awards of excellence from the Association for Medical Education - Europe in three areas: Student Assessment, Student Engagement, and Social Accountability. The presentation continued with information about SIU

research, 2016 Match results, and comparison data re: diversity amongst American medical colleges. Dr. Kruse acknowledged the budget crisis in Illinois, how it affects the school, and what the school has done to address the situation. In March 2016, SIU Healthcare announced a 5% conversion factor reduction. This was followed by the recent funding reductions from Hospital Sisters Health System St. John's and the decrease of residency and fellowship positions in Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine – Preliminary, Radiology, Reconstructive Surgery, Endocrinology, Gynecological Surgery, Hand/Microsurgery, and Spine Surgery. Due to other funding sources, the need to cut 20 residency positions has been scaled back. He provided a brief description of collaborations at the three satellite locations in Carbondale, Decatur, and Quincy and a list of the new and upcoming facility expansion and building sites. He discussed the improved relationship with Springfield Clinic, which comprises a majority of SIU SOM alumni. SIU SOM's Strategic Plan will be extremely important as our mission and a guiding force. Dr. Reeder asked if there has been a problem recruiting and retaining physicians due to the state's budget issues. Dr. Kruse said that two faculty members had left, with one of them stating this as the reason for departure. It was asked about our relationship with St. John's Hospital. Dr. Kruse replied that organizational philosophies are different at the time but we continue to work with both hospitals and community partnerships.

3. Office of Student Affairs Report – Ms. Robbs provided Dr. Constance's report in his absence. The Class of 2016 all have jobs (residencies) except one who has not passed USMLE Step 2. The 2016 Match results were provided.

4. Student Reports:

- Mr. Reinholz, Class of 2019, reported that his class is doing well and preparing for their last exam. Service is the mindset of the class with multiple service events occurring including the Relay for Life, their day of service, and an event for the Humane Society. He reported that Dr. Clough has been selected as the teacher of the year.
- Mr. Markel, Class of 2018, reported that his class is in the Endocrine/Reproduction/Gastrointestinal unit, and that the following week is test week. Students will begin studying for boards. His class is heavily involved in community services through local churches and homeless shelters; many went to the capital to voice their opinions concerning the state's budget issues.
- Mr. Murray, Class of 2017, reported that classmates are making decisions regarding their fourth year schedules. He also noted that many 3rd year students plan on participating in the day of service in the Enos Park neighborhood.
- Mr. Clanahan, Class of 2016, thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the board. He noted that he has seen many changes occur, and praised the SOM's accomplishments. He also reported that match was a big success; most of his classmates matched with one of their top 3 choices. The Junaia Carter 5K raised a little over \$2,000 for MERCY Charities, the third year and fourth year students had a pre-residency meeting to discuss specialties. At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Clanahan was presented with a certificate of appreciation for serving on the board.

Student Resource Fund Report – Dr. Joyner reported that the mission of the Student Resource Fund is to provide a source of money that can be used to purchase items or support activities that will benefit a large number of students. She presented the committee's recommendations and thanked committee members and the student representatives for their involvement at the March 15 meeting. There were six requests, two of which are the health club membership and the subsidy for the winter ball that the board has given top priority each year pending the funding monies. After discussion regarding each request, the committee recommended that the board approve funding for:

- 1) YMCA gym premier memberships @ \$15,500 (this includes family members in the household and access to both the downtown location and the Gus and Flora Kerasotes west-side location, fitness classes, health and wellness centers, indoor pools, racquetball courts; indoor track and the gyms for basketball, volleyball, pickle ball; reduced fees on programs and more);
- 2) Subsidy for the Winter Ball @ \$4,000;
- 3) Partial funding for the dermatology procedure models and textbooks to be used in the Family Medicine clerkship @ \$1,300;
- 4) Two skin and vein replacement kits to be used in the Clinical Skills Lab for MS2 and MS4 students @ \$365.18.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations as presented funding a total of \$21,165.18. All approved.

Dr. Polaschek stated that now was the time to engage the med students, and asked what was being done to develop relationships with them now. Dr. Molo inquired how the school tracks the graduating students. Ms. Robbs replied that we have multiple mechanisms to track the graduating students from resources at the school, and early communication with the students prior to their graduation along with continuous communication post-graduation. The Office of Alumni Affairs sends a congratulatory letter to the students with contact information post-match so that students will submit their new addresses on the alumni website as they locate housing for residency, and this information is also collected at the commencement rehearsal. The Office of Alumni Affairs receives information collected from the Offices of Student Affairs and Public Affairs. Their data is then extracted from the student database and entered into the alumni database. In the near future, we have been notified that graduates may not be retaining their siumed.edu address due to 1) ever increasing costs to support HIPAA compliant email infrastructure, 2) complex regulatory requirements, and 3) the increasing trend that students arrive with an existing email account and use that account after medical school. The current practice was started when an @siumed.edu address was often the first email account issued to many students.

4. Foundation Report – Ms. Powell distributed a packet containing a variety of Foundation related material including upcoming events and reports of 1) Annual Giving Overview, 2) Alumni Board Member Fundraising, 3) Cumulative Alumni Fundraising, and 4) Reflection of the Dean’s Class Challenge. She reported that giving is more important than just monetary donations, and in order to be eligible for grants, the school must provide proof that support is coming in from internal sources such as our alumni. She mentioned the formation of the Resident Resource Fund (similar to our Student Resource Fund), and the Grateful Patient Program. She was told by a patient who donated to the school that giving was a part of the healing process for her/him; thus training is underway to explore how to be more receptive of “grateful patients”, along with the development of a faculty member group to help identify them. Dr. Williamson inquired if there were metrics available that compare us to other institutions. Ms. Powell stated that we are on par with other institutions and that she will provide comparisons. Dr. Napolez asked if there is a difference between private and public institutions, and Ms. Powell replied that they were roughly the same. She concluded her report by stating that the SOM is planning to reinstitute the Harbinger Society and the minimum to be a part of the society was raised from a total accumulative donation total of \$10,000 to \$25,000.

5. Alumni Report – Ms. Robbs began her report by discussing the recent Springfield area alumni/student dinner. Local alumni hosted dinner for small groups of students to provide an opportunity to get to know each other and for the students to learn more about the medicine lifestyle. This was the second year for this event and we continue to receive very positive feedback from both students and alumni. She distributed a report reflecting a total of 21 alumni hosted 59 students (majority were second year students) along with the feedback.

•She continued by reporting that she and Ms. Powell had recently met with alumni in Phoenix.

- Elizabeth Montgomery Collins '96, MD, will receive the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award along with last year's winner, Stephen Raben '90, MD, at the May commencement.
- The first 40-year class reunion will take place over the weekend of June 24th along with six other classes.
- The HOSTS program continues to be a success in its eighth year with a total of forty requests, eight of which couldn't be filled and 113 alumni contacts and many updates. The cumulative 2008-2016 Host report was distributed. Over the history of the program, there has been a total of 242 submitted requests, 149 matches, 53 matched but student or alumni canceled, 85% requests have been filled, 175 total hosts (some are married), 690 alumni contacts to alumni, and the students have saved over \$19,000 over this period of time (an average cost savings per student interview of \$132.28). An enormous appreciation goes out to the alumni who have expressed their willingness to host and have hosted our students.
- Work is continuing on the development of an online protected directory for alumni.

9. Other Business – Drs. Grado, Lubin-Johnson, Napolez, and Sommer board tenures will conclude this fall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.