

Student Assembly Minutes

February 6, 2008

Representatives from the classes of 2008, 2009, and 2010 met in the Lincoln Conference Room. The representatives from the class of 2011 were present via teleconference in Carbondale. The Student Assembly Chair, Jen Grusby, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Present at this meeting were: Dr. Constance, Nancy Calvert, Jen Grusby, Jessica Tonozzi, Christina Doerr, Jake Sams, Junaia Carter, Jennifer Creamer, Sumer Allensworth, Tyler Allison, Katie Eichinger, Ashley Starwalt, and Sameer Vohra. Attendance was not collected from the class of 2011.

Absent from this meeting were: Jackie Harris, Becca Hook, Lexie Hillard, Eric Garcia, Casey Hollensteiner, Kanayo Okafor, Audrey Tanksley, Josh Turner, and Jennifer Rose.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Christina Doerr and seconded by Sumer Allensworth at 12:04 pm. No changes were needed.

Old Business:

- A. Winter Ball: Winter Ball is going to be held this Saturday at the Northfield Inn and Conference Center. Hors d' oeuvres will begin at 6:00 pm. The taxi shuttle from the Ball to downtown fell through. They were unable to get a contract worked out. Taxis will still be available via phone call. There will be a list of taxi numbers present at the check-in table for all those who need a safe ride home or to the downtown. The cost per class is not yet totaled, but will be available at the next meeting. The second years believe it will be about the same cost as last year. We received \$3500 from the alumni to go towards the cost of Winter Ball; the remaining will be taken from the MS2-4 class funds. There have been 302 tickets sold, with about 180 students attending this year. Per Linda, there will be about 60 first years attending.
- B. Parade of Homes: The Parade of Homes will be held February 9th beginning at 11:30 am at Jen Grusby's home. There are 31 participants in the Carbondale class. There are 15 students going on the "to buy" tour, which consists of 7 homes. 14 will be on the "to rent" tour, which consists of 8 places to show. Agendas were sent out to the first year students this past week. The tour will end around 3:30-4:00 at the Northfield Inn. Jen will resend the tour agenda to the first year class.
- C. School Tour: The tour of SIU SOM will take place on February 10th. Interested students are to meet at security. Make sure to bring your IDs! The first year representatives are unsure of how many students are interested in attending the tour.

- D. Academic Probation and Extracurricular Involvement: This issue has been settled.

New Business:

- A. Fall Picnic: The date has been set and the site is reserved.

Reports:

- A. Office of Student Affairs: Nancy reminded everyone that all students are invited to attend the graduation ceremony held on May 24th. Only the 4th year students and their families are invited to attend the Match Day luncheon. Nancy also stated that the Deferment for Hardship is not going to be dropped. She encouraged us to continue to contact our legislators, so they are aware of how big of an issue this is to the medical community. The 3rd year class representatives will be asked to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- B. OSR Report: Sameer is working on contacting Senator Durbin's office. He has been absent as of recent due to the primary elections. The NBME has officially decided to change the board examinations. The current Step 1 and Step 2 CK will be combined in to one more clinical Step 1 examination, which is to be taken at the end of the 3rd year of medical school. Step 2 CS will become the only Step 2 exam and Step 3 will remain the same. There will be no changes made to the scoring of the exams (i.e. no pass/fail). This change is to take effect with 2011.
- C. Chair's Report:
- a. Service Committee: Jen has been sitting on a Service committee consisting of students and physicians. The group has met twice this year already. Because Service is a part of our mission statement, the group is trying to figure a way to make service a part of learning. Many students are already involved in many forms of service work across the city. The idea is to look into having a "reflective piece" to see what students are getting out of their experiences. Also, in conjunction with the school's branding project, they are trying to find out what physicians and students are involved in, in order to make more service work school wide. Currently, the group has a meeting set up with the medical school in West Virginia, which requires all of its students to meet a 100 service hour requirement over their 4 years. This discussion led to many controversial ideas regarding service work. If it were made mandatory, where does the personal aspect exist? Students choose causes to participate in due to personal choice. Many of the representatives were in opposition to having service requirements. It was suggested that a link on the student

website be made available that lists service projects/ideas in the community, along with contact information and a little bit about the cause. Currently the first and second year classes have an elected volunteer coordinator. These officials make the students aware of different projects and tries to put together student teams when necessary. Currently the second years are working on the Relay for Life. This is a big debate and Jen will take our thoughts with her to the next meeting.

- b. Executive Committee Meeting: Jen attended the meeting held February 4th. The Wit performance was discussed. This is a film shown to all second year students regarding a women with ovarian cancer. The Hoogland Center for the Arts will be having a live performance, which the 2nd years will be attending. A 4th year student, Ben Cady, is an actor in the play. Student tickets are \$12 and the play is held February 23-24. The Simmons-Cooper Cancer Institute is supporting the play. Memorial has found its site for their simulation center. The location will be on First Street. It will be open for the July 1st start of the residents. The building will have 3 rooms, with one being a conference room. There will also be an OR, ICU, and trauma bay. Lastly, there will be interaction between the medical students and the pharm D students over the next coming school year. Dr. Constance has met with the dean of the College of Pharmacy. The pharmacy students will be 6th year students and they will be here all year. They will be working with the current MSIs on the floors. We will be having a reception for them at the beginning of the next school year to welcome them to campus. They pharmacy students have their own faculty (8-10 doctors). Welcome!
- c. Student Resource Fund: Request forms were placed in our mailboxes. Students are encouraged to fill out forms for things that would be useful to the student body. This money has previously been used to pay for our memberships to Gold's gym, Winter Ball, and the furniture in the lounge. All requests must go through Dr. Constance first. Please discuss/give your requests to the class representatives and they will be submitted to Dr. Constance for approval.

D. Class Reports:

- a. *Class of 2011*: Currently getting ready for their end of unit exam for SSB. The exam is the last week of February. They are excited to come to Springfield for Winter Ball. They just finished their second clothing sale and will be working with the alumni to do another sale. Also, a big thanks to Tyler for his biochemistry slides!
- b. *Class of 2010*: Currently finishing the plans for Winter Ball. They just scheduled their Step 1 exams. This unit the class petitioned to have a rough score present directly at the end of the exam for those who want to know. This is a trial for this unit. The concession sale are back in the black. The class is just starting to make a small profit. The Relay for Life is in June this year. The second years are organizing student teams. Dr. Constance

suggested emailing pwappel@siumed.edu , who deals with fundraising for the Cancer Center. They will be inviting the first years to join the teams.

- c. *Class of 2009:* Half of the students are on the 1st long, while the other half is finishing up their first short. The students are getting signed up for Step 2. The class has formed a yearbook committee. March 26th is the first meeting regarding 4th year. Current MS4s will be present to discuss electives.
 - d. *Class of 2008:* Everyone is winding down their year. Military, ophthalmology, and urology matches are complete. The rank lists are due February 27th and Match Day is March 20th.
- E. Dean's Report: Dr. Constance reminded to not vomit anywhere but a proper facility while at Winter Ball. No new business to report.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2008

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tyler Allison and seconded by Jen Creamer. Jen Grusby adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

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