

ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

October 30, 2017

Dirksen Conference Room
SIU School of Medicine
Springfield, IL

Present:

Deborah Albright, MD
Milton Armstrong, MD
Ann Augspurger
Rik Austin, MD
Careyana Brenham, MD
Elizabeth Cavanagh, MD
Mary Jo Davies
Robert Farmer, MD
David Goldberg, MD
Aaron Hancock, Class of 2020
Jacqueline Harris, MD
Michael Honan, MD
Nedra Joyner, MD
Robert Juranek, MD

Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH
Jordan Markel, Class of 2018
Cris Milliken
Karla Polaschek, MD
Necole Powell
Susan Reeder, MD
Brian Reinholz, Class of 2019
Julie Robbs
Connor Stephenson, Class of 2021
Joseph Tamimie, MD
Kelli Webb, MD
Tabatha Wells, MD
Matt Winkleman, MD

Guest: Lori Williams, Asst Provost,
Clinical and External Affiliations

1. Call to Order

President Dr. Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

- 2. Welcome and Introductions** – Dr. Cavanagh welcomed members and introductions were made. She added that the student phonathon is taking place in Springfield this week and during this meeting. She invited members to stop by the foundation office after the meeting.

3. Approval of April 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 24, 2017 minutes.

4. Dean's Update

Dr. Kruse provided a report on the following:

- a. Updates on the Clinical Reasoning: Competence by Deliberate Practice Critical Clinical Competencies (CCC) – First 2+ years
- b. Year 3 Clerkships Update – Professional Development: 8 four-week clerkships; Maximize time with patients; no lectures, no NBME shelf exams in each clerkship (students can choose to take up to 3 as a self-assessment during PEP), 15-week

- Personalized Educational Program (PEP) to explore specialty choice, mentoring, leadership development
- c. Medical students Allen Ghareeb and Max Crouse presented “*Student Engagement at its Finest: A Coachability Curriculum for (and by) Medical Students*” at the Association of Medical Educators of Europe 2017 conference in Helsinki, Finland.
 - d. CCC and Year 3 Clerkships results for Class of 2018 thus far indicate:
Senior CCX – second highest score ever recorded; clerkship rating – highest ever recorded; Contact with patients and procedures performed–doubled; NBME Shelf Exams in PEP–no decline in scores; USMLE Step 2–for initial 50 takers, there has been no decline in scores as of yet but still have students taking the exam.
 - e. Dr. Wendi El-Amin is the new Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Dr. Wes McNeese is now SIU System Director for Diversity Initiatives.
 - f. Dr. Kruse announced that SIU Medicine’s team of plastic surgery residents recently became the national champions at the American Society of Plastic Surgeons annual meeting. SIU’s team of physician assistant students recently became the national champions of the AAPA National Medical Challenge Bowl.
 - g. Fundraising priorities are to increase student scholarships and improve the care of women and children in SIU service areas. SIU SOM ranks in the 65th percentile among US medical schools in student debt in 2017. Mean debt in 2017 was \$184,000; \$210,000 in 2018. Providing student scholarships will help alleviate some of that debt. Care of women and children ranks the worst performance in U.S. healthcare. Initiatives are in place to provide better care of women and children.
 - h. Opportunities and Challenges:
SIU Carbondale –Dr. Carlo Montemagno is the new SIU-C Chancellor and is proposing structural changes to the three schools and five colleges with no department chairs.
State of IL Budget – SIU Medicine has experienced a 12.25% cut in state funding with the recently approved state budget. The State has not issued payments for 2.5 years, Medicaid stopped paying July 1, malpractice insurance increased; we’re trying to ‘weather the storm.’
SIU SOM has had several issues with publicity and involve having a negative impact on the SOM. Dr. Halford’s herpes vaccine study controversy has led to a review of all of his work and has reached national attention.
In regards to the state funding and issue of payments, a board member asked if all of the IL health care systems need to get together and approach the state to lobby for action. It was also asked if the budget has had an impact on our Admissions. Dr. Kruse replied that the SOM continues to do well with Admissions.

5. Office of Student Affairs Report

Ms. Robbs reported in Dr. Constance’s absence - 18 classes now have small scholarships (\$2,000 each). The alumni scholarships are funded by pooling 4 or 5 scholarship’s monies together that have been made exclusively by alumni.

6. Treasurer’s Report

Dr. Joyner reported the YMCA membership fee has been paid for 2018 and a new Keurig coffee maker was purchased for the student lounge as a replacement for an earlier Keurig purchased from the SRF. There was discussion regarding investment of SRF funds not used each year. Ms. Powell explained the impact of investing in a 6-

month Certificate of Deposit (CD) would mean that the Alumni Board would not be able to use the money for a year.

7. Nominating Committee

Dr. Winkleman, chair of the Nominating Committee which included Drs. Juranek, Miller, Brenham, Armstrong, and Polaschek, reported that the committee met on October 3rd. A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of recommendations. The motion passed. Dr. Breck Jones, Class of 2015, a neuro surgery resident and Dr. Lisa Wichterman, Class of 1981, radiology will begin their terms at the spring 2018 meeting.

8. 2018 Distinguished Alumni

Dr. Cavanagh reported that the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Committee consisted of herself-chair, Drs. Albright, Goldberg, Harris, Tamimie, Williamson, and Pelly. The committee met September 19th to review the list of 5 great nominees. Dr. Cavanagh presented the slate of two candidates. There was brief discussion. Members voted by ballot to present the 2018 award to Dr. Paul Checchia, class of 1993. He will be notified and those who were nominated this year will remain in the pool of candidates for 2019.

9. Foundation Update & Activities

Ms. Powell distributed packets containing Foundation related material:

- a. SIU Foundation FY18 Fundraising report as of September 30, 2017 showing Production & Receipts for each SIU college/school;
- b. Campaign Report by Transaction Type for each SIU college/school;
- c. SIU SOM Alumni Giving Recap for FY2017 & FY2018 reported by class, # of members, # of donors and donor participation percentage as of October 30, 2017.
- d. She added that 118% of the FY18 fundraising goal has been reached. This week's student phonathon includes reaching out to the seven 2017 reunion classes with the focus of the Student Resource Fund and Student Scholarships.

10. Alumni Activities

Ms. Robbs reported the following:

- a. The 2017 Alumni Report was prepared by the Office of Alumni Affairs (OAA) and distributed to the Executive Committee, other administrators and the Alumni Board. The data is current as of September 2017. She referred members to the memo in the front of the book for a summary;
- b. Carbondale Tailgate - SIU SOM Alumni Society hosted a tent at the SIU-C homecoming tailgate on October 14 to foster relationships between SIU SOM alumni, students (medical, PA, and MedPrep) and Carbondale Family Medicine residents. The event was hosted by Dr. Jeff Parks '80 and Dr. Larry Jones '76. It was well attended (101) including SIU-C President Dunn. Ms. Robbs thanked Mr. Stephenson for his assistance at the registration table. He commented that he really appreciated the event and hopes it continues in 2018;
- c. 2018 Reunion - Classes '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, & '08 reunion is scheduled for June 22-23, 2018. Class committee planning meetings are being held and plans are on schedule;
- d. Constant Contact – The OAA has begun sending e-newsletters and announcements through Constant Contact. We anticipate this will provide easier-to-read messages

- and crisper communication methods. The class listservs will continue to be used for various means of communication;
- e. 50th Anniversary in 2020 - Ms. Robbs thanked those who participated in the 50th anniversary survey (reunion class members for 2020 and Board members). The reunion classes in 2020 will have their reunion as usual with only that years' reunion classes. All alumni will be invited to attend the 50th anniversary gala to be held in April;
 - f. HOSTS Season - Fourth year students have begun scheduling residency interviews. OAA has received four HOSTS requests thus far;
 - g. Keurig Coffee Maker - A new Keurig coffee maker and 2-3 boxes of coffee pods were purchased for the Springfield student lounge.

11. Questions for Student Class Chairs

The student reports were provided in the board meeting packet prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

12. Presentation to Outgoing Members

Dr. Cavanagh thanked and presented the outgoing members, Drs. Albright and Polaschek with plaques to recognize their service on the Board of Governors.

13. Other Business/Announcements

Dr. Armstrong commented that some medical schools are moving to a three-year accelerated MD degree. He inquired if SIU SOM has any plans to do the same. Dr. Kruse replied that we are innovators and provided examples of the flexibility of various curricula and what other schools are doing.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.