

Medical Student Senate
Meeting: January 15, 2013
Special Guest: **Dr. Philip Gruppuso**

Attendees: Tim Jolis, Jason Bowman, Jimmy Rotenberg, Sol Adelsky, Austin Ha, Jovian Yu, Sheela Krishnan, Rahul Banerjee, Hari Vigneswaran, Emily Li, Honora Burnett, Olivier Van Houtte, Joshua Rodriguez-Srednicki, Austin Ha, Mohammad Elsayed, Julia Heneghan, Brad Cotter, Jen Vigneswaran

-- Dean Gruppuso

1. Surgery clerkship learning environment: Reports of mistreatment have been going up this year (3-4% is average, surgery is now at 18% including several reports of racial- or ethnic-based statements seeing to be associated with resident behaviors); Dean Gruppuso talked to Dr. Cioffi and the clerkship directors, and now will go to meet with the surgery department education committee within the next month; possibly going to be raised with the Provost; resources available to students: Christine Montross, ombudsperson, SHC, clerkship directors, Kim Sanzi; possible next steps: Clinical Skills Clerkship, surgery faculty meeting, revoking possibility of teaching awards, etc.

2. Exercise room opens next week! Will be run out of the Student Wellness program and there will be "student fitness fellows" akin to the IT fellows program. 24/7 card access for students only.

3. Lecture attendance has dropped significantly with concomitant use of recorded Echocapture videos. Plan for next year is to start moving towards "flipping the classroom" with pre-recorded lectures with small case-based discussions taking the place of specific lectures for specific topics. Will work with the Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning for professional development given this deviation from the traditional model.

4. Primary care program: hope to increase number of students who go onto purely primary care following completion of training; curriculum will be separate, as will admissions process; over 200 responses from students on Dean Gruppuso's survey, reduction in time spent learning basic sciences was biggest perceived negative; students will be involved in working group for development of the program; school will need to increase the number of clinical sites available for training; still working on how to keep these students in the primary care sector (potential for financial penalties, etc); hoping to matriculate students in 2015

5. From Alex: scheduling of student meetings during CIM slots is okay, but please try to minimize it.

6. Paul George's master's in education project relates to tracking educational outcomes (both in medical school and after graduation) on the basis of admissions route. PLME looks more like competency-based admissions, so Brown is an excellent place to do this, and so far there is no objective difference between the different groups. Dean Gruppuso is hoping that members of the MedEd group would be able to discuss the question of a link between professionalism (both from professionalism in clinical evaluations, and more subjective evaluations from the study participants) and the admission route.

Suggestions from students: Potential for movement to testing in computer-based fashion. Prosections in the lecture hall for anatomy course. Uncoupling financial aid reporting from parents for students over a certain age.

-- Student Activities Fee: will have financial discussion at next meeting

-- BMAA Networking Update (Cailie Burns): question of possibility of founding AI's Pals type mentoring relationship between third years who have declared specialties and alumni in that field

-- Expanding AI's Pals

-- URC Opening

-- Curriculum Committee Updates:

1. Population Health Clerkship: 4-week clerkship starting with class of 2015, required of everyone (unless doing a Scholarly Concentration in Population Health); will replace Community Health

2. Individualized Education Plan: class of 2015 will be starting this

3. Proposal for official required core clerkship for neurology; in progress but seems unlikely to be implemented

4. Review of requirement for 80 weeks of clinical training

5. Revised student duty-hour policy: 97% reported compliance (out of 72 respondents)

-- Claiming packages requires that you go to Ship Street, can this be changed to be picked up at the front desk?

-- Restocking staples and paper for academy; can we implement a reporting process?

-- Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 5