AMS Senate
2013 November 2013

Art in the medical school: Sam Klein

- Some models: JHU--Art throughout the entire building, produced by people from the community
- Response from the Surveys:
    - 195 students out of the entire student body
    - Overwhelming positive response to adding art to the medical school and highlighting student activities like RIFC, Brown Student Clinic, Clinica, and student events/announcements.
    - Art and medicine connections: 91% positive
    - Some ideas to include photos, plants, art galleries.
- Going forward, Sam Klein will spearhead this task force.
- Unanimous agreement to support this initiative.

Public viewing of disbursement of student funds

- Do we want a public google doc of student group funding? If groups want to co-sponsor events together, maybe a google doc that is updated frequently can help student groups see what funds are available.
    - Yes
- How much funding does the Senate have for groups? $13,000
- Lawyer and GCB funds.
- Cumulative extra $3000-5000 that has been left over over the years.
    - Josh will find out from Dick and Anthony what is happening with this extra.

The process of approving medical student groups

- The current process is the president (Honora) approving the groups.
- Do we want to create criteria and a group to provide input on which student groups are going to be approved?
    - Yes

Possibility of increasing student activity fee

- Student activities fee is currently $35, proposing $10 increase.
- 30 groups funded, almost all have used up their given funds
- Majority of funding goes subsidizing food for events.
- Postpone conversation until we understand how much .

Gym

- Rahul took this issue to the University Athletic Committee administrators and they turned down our initiative to open up the medical school gym to faculty and management at Brown despite the Med Senate's letter of support.
- Going forward, we will speak to Dean Tunkel.

Class updates

- Holiday Ball themes

- MD'17 Town Hall: Good showing of people. Informational component, and survey evaluating the town hall. Pass/Fail issue.
    - Curriculum committee: preclinical honors designation?
        - Top 25 medical schools have shifted to just P/F. And removing honors has made it more amenable to wellbeing of the student body in these schools.
        - Friday exams
    - AOA: 15% is based on preclinical honors, 60% clinical honors, 25% from the committee
- MD'16: good
- MD'15: good
- MD'14: interview season

URC Update: Justin Glavis-Bloom

- Fighting the potential tuition increase
- Acceleration of gift from 2018?

Alumni Relations: John

- How to improve relationships with the hospitals?
- Having students/alumni donating early continues this culture of giving.
- What about the public health track?

Unable to attend tonight. Q&A with SPECIAL GUEST Dr. Elias, AMS Dean