

November 12, 2009

-Meeting called to order at 5:37 pm

1. -Christina Brown-Wujick, Alumni Affairs

- a. The Dept. of Alumni Affairs is hoping to establish relationships between the current students at USF COM with local area alumni. Mrs. Brown- Wujick is hoping to establish an alumni lecture series and wants the councils help in providing advise in terms of the logistics of the meetings in regards to the best dates, time of day, topics, and to just brainstorm in general in how to get students to participate.

Some ideas suggested by the council included-

1. Meeting dates on either Monday or Wednesday to avoid LCE days.
 2. Meeting on dates when there is required classes either before or after the meeting.
 3. Having alumni participate with scholarly concentration meetings.
 4. Meeting during the lunch hour from 12-1pm and providing good food.
 5. Avoid holding meetings on days when other large USF COM groups hold meetings. (work with the organization chair for this)
 6. Pairing alumni up with various interest groups in their specialties.
- b. Alumni affairs is hoping to establish better communication with the alumni of the future, USF's current students, and they are hoping that each class can provide a contact that will maintain communication with alumni affairs and the other members of their graduating class. This person will serve as a supporter and recruiter for alumni events. It was determined by the council that this role should be determined at the end of the 4th year and would have to be volunteered for and then voted upon if there was more than one student wanting the position.
 - c. Alumni affairs would also like members of each current class to become involved in planning and participating in alumni events other than just the class presidents. It was determined by the council that it would be best if alumni affairs just sent an email to each class requesting volunteers that could form a committee and participate at their leisure. These students would not be required to take the role of liaison to the class after graduation.

2. Class updates

- a. DPT 2010- 33 days of didactic days remain before final clinical rotations. No issues reported.
- b. DPT 2011- No issues reported.
- c. DPT 2012- Glad to be done with molecular medicine. No issues reported.

d. MD 2013-

- Parking remains a major issue on campus. The “enchanted forest” lot is scheduled to be closed in early 2010 for the building of new intramural fields. The students have measured the distance from the Laurel Oaks parking garage and determined it is no further away from campus than the “enchanted forest” lot, so students will have to start parking there. The c/o 2011 has compiled a petition to keep the enchanted forest lot open stating that it should be a higher priority than the building of new intramural fields. They had planned to mail it in, but wanted to communicate their plans with the council before doing so. The issue has been discussed with Dean Specter and Monroe, and the c/o 2011 has been granted permission to send it in. Nishit Patel (Council President) suggested it may be better to attend a parking committee meeting in person and present the case representing the entire COM. The council supports the c/o 2011 in headlining this event and will work to get them on the agenda at the next parking committee meeting.

-Other than parking, no other issues reported.

e. MD 2012- no issues, on block 5 cardio

f. MD 2011-

-Three main issues had come up with the c/o 2011 and the third year clerkships.

1. Lack of an absentee policy- currently students must make up all clinical responsibilities that they miss. This can create problems if students become sick with the flu and need to miss more than a day or two of required clinical requirements. Several students are being required to come in over holiday breaks to make up for days missed, which is significant considering the limited amount of time students have off during the third year. The 2011 class presidents will meet with Dean Monroe and Stevenson in the month of December to discuss this issue.

2. Grading / evaluation forms- there is an overall lack of consistency in the third year in terms of the grading and evaluation of student performance. Often times, residents and attending don't truly understand how the grading scale works and many students feel their grades are often misrepresented because of a difference in the perceived value of a grade given by the attending or resident and what that value actually translates to. This will also be discussed next month with Dean Monroe and Stevenson.

3. Scheduling of Clerkships- currently, many students do not receive clerkship assignments until as late as the weekend before they are to begin. This makes scheduling other life events incredibly difficult. Residents are provided a schedule for the entire year before they begin. It seems as though the same could be done for students, even if only 6 months in advance.

g. MD 2010-

apparently the 4th year is amazing, they are about to start interviews. Once again no complaints.

- h. PhD/Masters students- The graduate students main issues currently is working to increase communication between the various classes. Because of the differences in programs it is hard to maintain contact and collaborate with each other. They are looking into ways to improve their communication.

3. Spiritual Room on Campus

- Several students have shown interest in providing a designated spiritual room on campus to use for reflection and worship. Dr. Specter has designated a temporary room located on campus that can be used by going to student affairs and requesting a key to use the room. With the expected money to come to campus for upgrades, it was hoped that some money could be used to include a room such as this to allow quiet prayer, religious meetings, and even meditation classes. Student council unanimously agreed that this was a good idea and will inform the OEA and Student affairs.

4. EBall

- Student council is pushing forward with planning for the event. The Marshall Center ballroom will be the venue and will save significant amounts of money (close to 5000\$). We have discovered that we are not limited in choosing a caterer for the event, but we must use the Marshall Centers alcohol. It was determined by the council that we would like a large collaborative event between all of the colleges as opposed to a smaller more intimate event. Several ideas were suggested in terms of how to promote attendance, including possibly competition with prize money for the college with the highest percentage participation. The date of the event will be in either late Feb or early March. The fee for the event will be 45\$ per person for early purchase and 55\$ for late. The fee for faculty will be 55\$ early and 65\$ late. The tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. It is encouraged by the council that the eball committee do some sort of marketing blast to increase attendance. We may use a gambling/gaming theme to serve as an entertainment draw to increase attendance.

5. Graduate student representation at council meetings- Tabled until next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.