

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2020

12:00 – 1:00 pm, Via Zoom

Attendance: Shelley Collins, Beverly Dede, Jim Gorske, Morgan Brazel, Mitsy Audate, Daniel Stribling, Ester Duquaney, Samari Blair

Recording: Renata Dolbier

Begin 12:04 pm

1. MD/PhD

Students are adapting. Just had a Spring Symposium, excellent speaker and poster presentation went well. One student had issue with health insurance, but administration took care of it right away, so things are being handled right away. Program is excited to have 8 new students. Some students are in process of getting back to the labs.

2. 1st YR

Class is doing well. There seems to be some confusion about the Student/Faculty Liaisons. Faculty seem not interested in partnering with them. Course Directors are confused as well. Dr. Aris should be working with class rep to work through the idea and roll of the liaisons. Students are concerned with a new lecturer, his teaching style was not well received. They are encouraged to give that feedback during the course debriefing. Email sent regarding email etiquette was received well. Students are ready for the summer.

3. 2nd YR

Class is working through taking Step 1 exam, most have dates, but not done with cancellations. USF testing center should help resolve some of that. Students are attending online electives. Student orientation is scheduled for first week in July. Students need to get tested and Covid tested prior to arriving to campus.

4. Diversity

Dr. Collins encouraged the diversity reps to start thinking about how they want to tackle concept of impact of diversity in clerkships. Goal is to have a continuum across all 4 years.

5. Overall comments

- a. NMNE exam should be low stress and is good practice, don't Christmas tree the exam, encouraged to send message to class
- b. Check with healthcare providers during the summer
- c. Talk with DRC now for accommodations, not ideal in mid-clerkship
- d. What are the feelings to have all lectures on zoom? Some feel they cannot do that anymore and are ready to get back into the classroom. Others feel they have been less stressed and been able to accomplish more. Connection is needed and maybe there can be a happy medium. Suggestion to do case base types of labs rather than mandatory attendance labs.
- e. Put together a white paper of "this is what we learned over the pandemic" to give thoughts and feedback on ways the curriculum could be adjusted to match some of the ways students have adjusted to the pandemic and online learning. Might be willing to publish something. Write it as a group.

Meeting adjourned: 12:45 pm