Dean's Luncheon, 14-Sep-17

Dr. Buckley

- Glad to meet everyone! Echoing comments of Dr. DiGi – in business of helping ppl, so must keep selves healthy + safe, not become embroiled in dangerous situations. Recognize this awkward time for the VCU community – may spill into hospital community.
- Aware of recent conflict between UVA students and university president. Grateful for the existing relationships between administrators and students, hopeful we can maintain amicable exchanges
- Good news from review of GME and GQ exit interview! (Dr. DiGi providing update)
- Recruiting – ongoing/completed, relevant to SoM education. Dr. Ripley created position, recruited
    o Senior Associate Dean of Assessment, Dr. Sally Senton from UM Ann Arbor. This is an investment in ed-focus of SoM, arriving in Oct
    o Chief Development Officer for SoM – interviewed 1 person, returning for on-site interview in Oct. The SoM is In the middle of a fundraising campaign, so looking forward to a qualified hire!
        ▪ Devt officer – recruits funds for scholarship
        ▪ Goal $300mil, currently $196mil
        ▪ Mtng w candidates first, assessing fit prior to proceeding w recruitment
            ● In meantime, mtng w alumni, great opportunity to meet w recent and longstanding grads
                o Excitement, disproportionately large giving to scholarship funds!
                o Continue to emphasize alumni involvement
    o Brian Aboff – designated institutional officer, overseeing Residency programs
        ▪ Task force for interface between Undergraduate and Graduate medical education, looking at out-phasing INOVA => increase/decrease undergrads? Increase Residents?
            ● Establish direction before continue w plan
            ● Research task force, eval funding, strengths => eval allocation of funds
            ● Burnout task force, investigate simplistic interventions, prevent burnout
            ● Communications task force, assess noise made in communication
                o Med school generally makes minimal noise in media / social network
                o Great to have featured article in Richmond Times Dispatch
                o Want to exhibit student accomplishments, raise public profile of SoM
        ▪ What are health care needs, how do we fulfill our mission to meet said needs?
    o Chair of Neurology – have 4 candidates
        ▪ Current interim has been in position long-term
        ▪ New chair will improve profile of department, all 4 of the current candidates are stellar
- If needs to be made aware of any issue, eager to hear student viewpoint – wants to improve student experience!
- Mistreatment

- o Looking at GQ vs LCME findings
    - ▪ Should be reassured that mechanics and infrastructure of SoM are very impressive by comparison.
    - ▪ Vs national level, we have a clean bill of health!
    - ▪ We also have a very solid ed portfolio
        - ● Both converge to say our program is solid + robust
    - ▪ All feedback is welcome

Dr. Digi

- Everyone STAY SAFE this weekend w upcoming protest; student safety is important to SoM
    - o Expect some protests at Confederate museum, stay clear of protesters, hopefully no violence… no place for it – or hate of any sort
    - o Best potential for creating change: graduating med school, becoming excellent leader w influence
- Brian Aboff – big benefit to students w advising for residency apps, expect fruitful relationship
- AAMC for c/o 2017 – overall very happy w education, pleased w most aspects of school, some areas identified for improvement.
    - o Neurology has not been a very strong clerkship (nationally the case, but even more so here); changes made within last 18mo since class went thru Neuro clerkship, ongoing areas for improvement; residents as educators making progress, continued efforts in Residents as Teachers program
    - o Student mistreatment this year 34% vs national avg 37% (47% last year). Grand rounds w various departments, clinical chair meetings, continuing to work on reducing mistreatment
        - ▪ 8 reports of mistreatment so far this year, reasonable outcomes from investigations
        - ▪ Will be sending out reports of outcomes from mistreatment reports
            - ● Sent to students and faculty
        - ▪ Stall Seat Journal special edition – aimed at reducing mistreatment
        - ▪ Mistreatment reporting from current students… difficult to assess discrepancy btwn GQ (exit survey) and current
            - ● GQ doesn't give granular data. But still taken seriously
            - ● Current reports serious, and are being addressed accordingly
- Last Apr, submitted update to LCME. Next update 5-Apr-18
    - o Pipeline program – in full compliance
    - o Bylaw change – curriculum council, now in full compliance
    - o Mistreatment update – continued monitoring, internal surveys thru fall
    - o Dept and debt mgmt – in full compliance. Area of continued concern for SoM, try to keep student debt burden + tuition as low as possible, which is proving a greater challenge as state funding decreases
    - o Infrastructure – going out in further studies
        - ▪ VA wireless – not much control, but trying to make improvements
    - o 4-yr evaluation
- Post-grad evaluation of PGY-1's by program directors

- o Consistent above-avg satisfaction from program directors
- Re Step 1 failure rate: evaluating, attempting to address, multi-factorial
  - o Median up, mean down, # failures up (same w class exams) => support students who have struggled all along thru M1 & M2
  - o Addressing increasing anxiety; despite good practice scores, some students are overcome by anxiety on test day
    - ▪ Increase student self-awareness, address issues early thru counseling
  - o Each student who failed, did so for a variety of different reasons. Family difficulties, lack of following advice, etc
  - o Pilot program in place for students who are at the bottom of the class grade-wise, purchased Scholar Rx for bottom 15%, evaluating academic performance (high value for cost)
  - o Problem w students at bottom quartile delaying exam. Gave summer study plan for MS2A students, to improve board exam confidence and scores
  - o Recommending to this year's students, not plan vacations immediately after board exams. Expensive vacation should not be driving force to take exam before ready

Dr. Ryan

- Step 2 CS reporting: pending full reports
  - o 50+ results, 6 failures
  - o Making changes to mock CS exam which was trialed this last year, won't know until more results come in to know how results altered
    - ▪ Some schools make it as gateway to M4, but currently no validated cases to justify this here
    - ▪ Many students say the experience of the mock CS exam is helpful as a trial, regardless of feedback
    - ▪ Considering self-grading of notes, informal feedback w SPs – might be more helpful since more immediate
- Step 2 CK
  - o Last yr significantly above natl avg
  - o Mean 46, still waiting on full results
- CS scheduling for M3s
  - o At next longitudinal session (25-Sep), will be assigned a block for CS during M4, free to schedule ASAP so not scrambling for spot. Best way to ensure timely score for Match
  - o Significant time lag btwn test date and score report (up to 3mo), necessary for match and grad

[Dr. Woleben's birthday today!]

c/o 2018

- applying to residencies! Very appreciative for Dr. Woleben's remarkable availability (even sharing his cell phone number)

- Step 2 CS score reporting?

c/o 2019

- Scattered through clerkships
- Starting to consider future residency options

c/o 2020

- Survived Cardio, most of us came out ok
- Currently enjoying pulm
- Anxiety over approaching Step 1, trying to plan events to reduce stress
- Appreciate Town Hall, bringing pics to []

LMSA

- LL w Dr. Mark Ryan
- Writing letters to senators about DACA
- DACA renewal clinics, to renew license before upcoming end renewal date in Oct
    o Partnering w Legal Aid, etc – so Spanish speakers can go out to assist

SNMA

- Organizing panel/forum to discuss C'ville events, Jefferson Statue events

MSG

- Great group, good start to the year. Alvin revamping Societies, creating Families to increase student support and shape community-structure of Societies. Erica managing SIGs, ensuring student leaders are aware of other events to increase quality of lunch lectures. Nikhil + Matt teamed up to create DOCS + Liver Rounds, great visibility for SoM. Niurka as SGA rep, strong voice as Chair of the Senate.
- Step 1 failure percentage? Will address in more detail with class officers