

## Deans Luncheon Meeting Minutes

5/8/2019

Dean Buckley

- Diversity and inclusion at VCU SOM
  - Have met with underrepresented minority student leaders in efforts towards safeguarding VCU SOM as a good professional place to train that is respectful and inclusive
  - This was a good learning lesson that will improve the school's future ability to attract a more diverse student body
- The Class of 2019 Commencement & Hooding Ceremony is on Friday, May 10, 2019.
  - The speaker is Dr. Peter Pronovost, an internationally acclaimed patient safety champion and Chief Clinical Transformation Officer at University Hospitals health system in Northeast Ohio and a clinical professor of anesthesiology and critical care medicine at Case Western Reserve University.
- Recruitments
  - Dr. Gardenhouse, senior cancer expert, chief of new cancer center at Massey Center
  - Close to filling a 4 yr open spot of senior associate at cancer center from Massey Cancer center
  - Dept. of Psychiatry Chair recruitment still in progress
  - Dr. Anton Kuzel is going to step down as Chair of family medicine; soon to start a national search for replacement
  - Appointment of Dr. Lydia Johnson as chair of Dept. Dermatology
- Philanthropy
  - Formally launched a training in philanthropy series, the Medical Philanthropy Academy
    - Training will serve as a bootcamp for faculty to understand philanthropy trends happening nationally and to improve skills in asking for donation
  - Campaign raising \$300 million for medical school is ongoing.
    - \$22.5 million of the \$25 million goal has already been raised for medical student scholarships.
    - Payments are staggered over a number of years, and are only just beginning to this year.
    - There has been a significant increase in scholarships from \$600K last year to \$900K for the first year class this year, which amounts to a one third increase in scholarships.
    - The effort in training faculty through the Medical Philanthropy Academy is to continue to seek funding for scholarships and other priorities related to running the medical school, including faculty recruitment.

Dr. DiGiovanni

- Class of 2022 announcements
  - The time survey will have to be completed a second time in the fall because too few students completed it correctly.
    - Averages from this spring will not be announced because the calculations were decidedly wrong. For example, the survey suggested that students slept an average of 3 hours per week.
  - Internal survey data will be announced in the next 10 days or so.
  - Step 1 and M3 dates
    - An information session will be on May 20, 2019, at 2pm.
    - Step 1 must be taken by March 6, 2020.
    - M3 Orientation will start on March 23, 2020.
    - Students are advised to not plan trips or make reservations before taking Step 1, because winter weather like snowstorms may require rescheduling the test date, unless you have very good trip insurance that allows canceling or rescheduling for *any* reason.
    - The advantage of moving the exam deadline to earlier in the year is to give the students a couple of trial rotations before we have to submit residency applications.
  - PCM Spring OSCEs
    - The encounter means were very close with  $\sim .03$  difference between the different cases and between the same cases on different days, and all were in the  $\sim 93\%$  range.
    - No students were required to remediate case encounters and very few students were required to remediate the clinical skills stations.
    - Encounter note scores are being adjusted based on case, because there was some difference between the scores in terms of the encounter notes. Scores are being adjusted such that all case means are being adjusted to the case with the highest mean.
    - The deans will ask the SimCenter to clean the keyboards due to student concerns of keys sticking.
- No decision has been made on the grading policy for the Class of 2023.
  - The agenda at the last meeting was too long to come to a decision.
  - The next meeting will take place on May 23rd from 2-3:30pm in MMEC 3-101 and the agenda will be focused on this topic. This meeting is open meeting for anyone to attend but without voting privileges.
- MSG, AMA/MSV, AMSA, SNMA, and LMSA student leaders should introduce themselves to the deans shortly after being election.
  - Minimally the presidents should introduce themselves to Dr.DiGiovanni, Dr. Woleben, and Dr. Brinegar.
  - Presidents may go alone or as a group with the rest of the leadership team.

**Dr. Brinegar**

- The new eCurriculum has been released and is more mobile-friendly. The assignment manager and grade tree have not been improved.

### **Student Concerns**

There has been concern about the delay in students hearing back about the Dean's Summer Research Fellowships for this year, which has limited student ability to pursue other opportunities if denied funding. Given that the website indicated that decisions would be made in April but were not, students have recommended that applications close at the end of January to allow more time for the application review process and for there to be a set date for announcing decisions in future years.

#### **Dr. DiGiovanni**

- Dr. Donnenberg sends his apologies for the delay and is aiming to send out notifications for summer scholarships by Friday, May 10, 2019 or Monday, May 13, 2019, as Friday is the Class of 2019 Commencement & Hooding Ceremony.
- Dr. Donnenberg hopes to announce the research fellowships much earlier going forward and regrets that many external happenings this spring interfered with the announcement date this year.

There have been several concerns about student wellness on campus and requests for dedicated spaces for napping and de-stressing to help students improve focus when tired during the day.

#### **Dr. DiGiovanni**

- As an urban university, VCU SOM is limited in space and requires most of the spaces in MMEC for classes and education. Current relaxation/study spaces available to students now include the first floor of MMEC and the Hunton and Larrick student centers.
- The Tompkins-Mccaw Library renovation project is being put off for several years because the university has decided to renovate the Children's Hospital first. The projects cannot run concurrently because there are limitations in space where the library could be temporarily relocated before the Children's Hospital is completed.
- Renovations of the Tompkins-Mccaw Library will be a university initiative that will involve input from multiple people and groups, similar to the open meetings and forums held prior the renovations of James Branch Cabell Library. Planning will likely take longer than construction. Dr. Brinegar sits on one of the university project planning committees.
- Incidentally, the Children's Hospital will be amazing. The ambulatory department is scheduled to open in 2020. The new emergency and radiology departments are scheduled to open in approximately 46 months and will be together on the 6th floor with a direct elevator from the ground level.