

**October Deans Luncheon Minutes
Friday, November 9th, 2018**

Concerns

1. The hand-sanitizing station have been a great addition to MMEC. Would it be possible to also have access to sanitation wipes throughout the building? This would be especially helpful after lunch lectures.

- Curriculum office willing to buy them but will not manage them, housekeeping won't monitor them either, students will take full responsibility
- Students can figure out how they want it implemented (storage, replacement, etc) and curriculum office will buy them

2. Given the new grading system for the M3 class, would it be possible for the Class of 2020 to receive information about class ranking (ie. specific rank) prior to 3rd year grades being finalized? Or would it be possible to receive more information (such as a grade distribution chart for each clerkship so far) so that students can get a general idea of where they stand?

- cannot be run until all grades are done.
- example IM vs ambulatory + neurology, "applies vs oranges"
- will release distribution charts - can release those after New Years.
- Overall grades are weighted by length of clerkship

3. Given the many changes and uncertainty with Spring Commencement, would it be possible to make the university-wide graduation (commencement) optional for the SOM?

- Due to indecisiveness from Richmond Coliseum, still do not know if doing university wide or not
- Deans will prioritize University-wide graduation because it doesn't look good to pick otherwise
- Number of tickets has usually been up to 8-10 because of ample spacing
 - if at Siegal Center (SoM only), then unlimited seats
 - if at Coliseum (university wide), then probably 8-10, if they run out of tickets, will start capping
- Dr D asks that students be professional for hooding ceremony – no crazy decorations on the hat L

4. Are students now able to qualify for Medicaid coverage given VA Medicaid expansion? Premiums have again increased this year, but it is difficult for students to navigate the Medicaid option, so if you have any information it would be very helpful!

5. When will specifics about the SOM graduation ceremony be released to students (especially the number of tickets students will receive to both SOM graduation and school-wide commencement)?

- Most students are not qualified for medicaid expansion b/c of scholarship/loans are considered income.
- Even if student, take in account of parental income, regardless of age.
- There are discussions for student insurance. Trying to get it in place for next year (virginia premiere)
- For high cost procedures, VCC can possibly offer support but very specific situations

Dr. D Updates

- Dr. D really liked the costumes from the party

Dean Buckley Updates

- AAMC meeting -VCU had great showing this year - 35 diff presentations/posters (compared to 10-12 last yr)
- Dr Buckley will be on board of directors for AAMC
- Currently recruiting IM, dermatology, and psychiatry chairs.

