

# Medical College Council General Membership Meeting

November 19, 2002

I. Javier called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

II. **Attendance**, per sign-in sheet: Javier Miller, MCC President, Kerry Bachista, MCC Vice-President; Kimberly Ruscher-Rogers, MCC Secretary; Alex Ho, MCC Treasurer; Nari Heshmati, FSU COM SG Senator; Paul Payne, MCC Executive-at-Large; David Bojan; Jason Buseman; Natosha Canty; Garrett Chumney; Stephanie Cruz; Laura Dacks; Amanda Davis; Zach Elmir; Jason Farrah; Lorna Fedelem; Sarah Fein; Brian Gibson; Julie Gladden; Fawn Grigsby; Reena Hemrajani; Michael Hernandez; Manny Herrera; Victor Hulstrand, Luis Izquierdo; Matthew Lee; Joda Lynn; Kevin McLean; Ajay Mhatre; Karen Miles; Adam Ouimet; Sachin Parikh; Bina Patel; Shannon Price; Neil Rodgers; Regan Rostorfer; Christienne Sain; Ferdinand Schafer; Lensey Scott; Shayla Smith; Danielle Stewart; Christopher Sundstrom; Luc Tran; Esther Vildor; Becky Bowen, COM Student Support Coordinator; Toni McCoy, Faculty Development Coordinator; Helen Livingston, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs; Total attendance: 44 students.

### III. Comments from Dr. Helen Livingston

**Financial Aid** – post accreditation, a higher loan ceiling will be available for students at the COM in the future. Dr. Livingston has asked financial aid to raise this ceiling during the current academic year. The amount of the increase and the date of the increase are not known.

**USMLE Step 1** – The Class of 2005 will be taking the USMLE Step 1 in summer 2003 and registration should be available in December. The cost is ~\$450. One of the administration sites may be a Prometric center in Tallahassee, who Becky Bowen is in communication with.

**American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)** – the AAMC has a group of students called the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR); which has members on AAMC committees. After February, FSU COM will be able to send OSR to the AAMC; the first regional meeting of the OSR will be in Lexington, Kentucky in April. Clinical Skills Assessment Exam (CSAE) – the OSR asked the AAMC to propose a resolution to delay the implementation of the CSAE by the National Board of Medical Examiners. The Council of Deans adopted a resolution on this matter.

IV. **Dance Marathon, Toni McCoy**: The Dance Marathon is a fundraiser for Shands/Childrens' Miracle Network that began nine years ago. Last years marathon raised over \$110,000. The 2003 Dance Marathon will be March 1-2. Dance Marathon funds, in part, will go to projects sponsored by COM students that benefit the pediatric population. COM students are needed to help with the morale committee, which works from 2AM – 7AM. COM students need to get sponsors over the break. Mrs. McCoy will provide forms for students to use in recruiting sponsors.

V. **Becky Bowen**: She reminded students to RSVP for the Holiday party. Also, FSU PD will be fingerprinting all students this Friday for background checks. There will be a database compiled of fellowship and research opportunities for students in the summer between first and second year.

VI. **Professional Development Committee**: Following the AAMC meeting, Dr. Livingston has proposed that the MCC form a Professional Development Committee (PDC) to address two matters – 1) preparation of a self-assessment tool that integrates AAMC and COM criteria, which will be administered to students at certain times throughout medical school and 2) an incident report, which will be used for reporting of negative or positive events to the administration. Drafts of these items will be submitted to the administration by the end of the spring semester 2003. The committee chair will be Kimberly Ruscher-Rogers, and the members will be two first-year and two second-year students. Nominees for the positions were Brian Gibson, Garrett Chumney, Amanda

Davis, Bina Patel, Jason Buseman, Danielle Stewart, Reena Hemrajani. Garrett Chumney and Amanda Davis will be the second year members. First year candidates gave one minute speeches and answered a question. The first year students elected were Reena Hemrajani and Jason Buseman.

VII. **TMH Residency Information:** A brochure on the TMH residency program has been distributed. 20% of graduates of the TMH FMRP are PIMS graduates.

VIII. **Approved College of Medicine seal:** The seal approved by the MCC in October has been adopted by the Executive Committee of the COM. A banner has been ordered with the seal, and Javier is working to have the administration order patches or set up embroidery availability.

IX. **Organizations of the FSU COM presented reports.**

a. **FSU Cares, presented by Sachin Parikh:** Sachin presented the 5K t-shirt. He asked everyone to come walk/run or help out on Saturday, Nov 23. Kerry is going to be Santa Claus for TMH. David is setting up screenings at the Homeless Shelter

b. **Student National Medical Association, presented by Natosha Canty:** SNMA now has a Community Service Committee that will go do Health Education/Screenings in Frenchtown and South Tallahassee.

c. **Reports of Class Representative Sachin Parikh, Class of 2005:** The Class made an 87 average on the third block exam; this is the highest average Dr. Klatt has seen in years of teaching. There will be a potluck Sunday the 24th. Sachin announced he is starting a Men in Medicine group.

d. **Reports of Class Representative Shannon Price, Class of 2006:** A class meeting will be Monday the 25th. If anyone is interested in a Women's Health Interest Group, email Shannon. Please report any holiday activity opportunities to the Class of 2006.

e. **AMA/FMA, presented by Lorna Fedelem:** AMA has warmly welcomed the students of FSU COM. They are sending Stedman's dictionaries to all new members. The next meeting will be December 3 at noon.

f. **Student Government update, presented by Senator Nari Heshmati:** Nari has a bill before the Senate to make the MCC a FSU SGA funding board.

Adjournment occurred at 7:27 PM.

-Submitted by Kimberly Ruscher-Rogers