



COM, The College of Medicine Fall 2023 Dean Meeting

Reintroduction

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Open Floor for the Dean

- Dr Parks - 4 roles in COM
- Perpetual Challenge - research opportunities for undergrad
 - GEAR - group effort applied research
 - Offers research intensive opportunities to Juniors and Seniors Burnett students
 - Limited by what researchers have space available, but the opportunity is being expanded
 - **Damarla: we can connect GEAR to RSOs.**
- Hired more researchers that have openings in their lab.
 - Anyone interested in a position can reach out to these researchers.
- A lot of students don't understand that when you begin research you must climb the ladder.
 - **Damarla: will talk about this with PHPL and BSBS but have not been getting answers from PHPL.**
 - **Dr. Parks: Do a lot of people go to PHPL?**
 - **Damarla: I think it depends on when, because the demand fluctuates.**
 - **Dr. Parks: BSBS offers similar advising to PHPL.**
 - **Dr. German: I think a lot of students have misconceptions regarding BSBS, thinking it only assists with scheduling course. Wants to ensure students are getting good advice. Will follow up if we do a formal survey?**
 - **Damarla: SG can distribute it!**
- Asked for SG to conduct a survey asking "how import PHPL is for your career aspirations and/or guidance?"
 - Doesn't need to be formal, just chat among 10-15 people.
 - Will talk to Lauren Murray-Lemon in advising to see if COM needs a formalized survey.
 - **Damarla: is there a timeline?**
 - **Dr Parks: a couple months would be great!**
 - **Dr. German: we want to know what works and doesn't for our students, and this will give us a way to know if students feel that they are getting what they need.**

Initiatives

- Increase Awareness of SG Funding among Graduate Students and RSOs
 - Holding fiscal workshops at COM orientation and various events hosted by the COM
 - Disconnect
 - **Dr. German's Response: When med school was formed it did not belong in SG, but there is now an expert (Dr. Marcia Verduin) in SG within the college that connects students**



with SG. Reach out to Dr. Verduin because neither Dr. Park's nor Dr. German are experts in this.

- Increasing Awareness among Initiatives
 - For example, HSI week - which includes initiatives that directly relate to the medical profession and the college of medicine
 - Dr. Parks: Agrees that communication should be increased between the college and SG.
 - Dr. German: Who is not getting the communication?
 - Damarla: Md students
 - Dr. German: That is a Dr. Verduin question. But it is hard for medical students to be involved because they are scheduled all day with their different areas of study. Medical students are not available to go to these events or are too far (wasting time driving to main campus). Not allowed to have a job when enrolled in Md program, so the students may be getting the information, but likely don't have time, but reach out to Dr. Verduin to get these events sent out to students.
 - Dr. German: Who are you talking about who are unaware of these initiatives?
 - Damarla: Md students, the students may not be reading emails, but we want them to have the opportunity to come or undergrad students don't know that these initiatives impact them.
 - Dr. Parks: reach out to undergrad advising to put initiatives on social media and reach out to Dr. Verduin
- Deans Speak at Open Forum Once a Semester
 - To provide an update to Senate on the initiatives
 - Dr. Parks: Does not see a problem in coming to speak at Open Forum. Would the Deans be speaking at the same time?
 - Damarla: No, it would be based on the Deans availability.
 - Dr. German: Is a very reasonable request and is willing to come in front of SG to give an update on COM. But, for specific questions by students it is easier for them to come directly to COM, because there are so many programs within the COM - undergrad, masters, PhD, residents, Md. Send questions before, so the right people are in attendance.
- Establishing a Canvas Module with Opportunities
 - Encourage students to get involved.
 - Dr German: Will bring up to advising. Thinks it a good idea. Spread the word about how important advising is to COM students.