Town Hall Minutes

Class: OMS-III

Date: April 24, 2020

Reflection: Daniel Aman (mental hygiene) Disinfecting our thoughts (ANTS)

1. Question/Concern: Campus closures
   a. Answer/Solution: We are not opening the campus yet. We will update you on the campus closures as soon as we have more information.

2. Question/Concern: Financial Aid
   a. Answer/Solution: The financial aid refund is the same amount as it was last year, actually it is $80.00 more per month, but it was just dispersed differently this year. You will also receive $3,700 for residency applications and travel, but you can request more money if you need more. If you need assistance with calculations for financial aid and other fees, contact Celia Velez at cavelez1@uiwtx.edu.

3. Question/Concern: Castle Branch
   a. Answer/Solution: We are moving to PreCheck. Ignore Castle Branch e-mails for now. We will do this class by class. We moved all the information from CB to PC. You can go into CB at any time, but make sure you have copies of your information for the future.

4. Question/Concern: VSAS
   a. Answer/Solution: VSAS is closed until May 11.

5. Question/Concern: Scheduling Kaplan class during rotations
   a. Answer/Solution: You shouldn’t have any scheduled Kaplan board prep during a rotation unless you took time off from rotations and scheduled it then.

6. Question/Concern: Selective/elective rotations
   a. Answer/Solution: Selective rotations have to be done with UIW and will be in SA or Laredo, but for elective rotations you can select where you rotate (does not have to be in Texas).

7. Question/Concern: Telemedicine course
   a. Answer/Solution: 1st session is Monday 4/27 from 1-3pm. The time will remain every day at 1pm, except for when there are planned conflicts. Check eMedley for the schedule.

8. Question/Concern: Grading for the telemedicine course
   a. Answer/Solution: Grading will be addressed on Monday and the rubric will be listed in the syllabus.

Department/Individual Updates:

Dr. Barbara Naranjo

- Stay focused physically and mentally (take your vital signs) – this is an important skill set to work on in the healing profession!

Dr. Gilger

- Telehealth is the future!
- Some hospital systems will be ready to allow learners back into the hospital setting by the end of May, and others are still unsure at this point

OASA:

- Encourage your classmates to contact us if you or any of your classmates need assistance with anything!
- [Cardinal Care resource page](#) (full of resources to help you navigate this difficult time)
Financial Aid – Celia Velez is available to assist (cavelez1@uiwtx.edu)
Behavioral Health – our SOM counselor is available for tele-counseling (alportil@uiwtx.edu)

Dr. Kels

- **OMIE e-mail**
  - COMLEX scheduled – as of now exams are on the books. Exams will be cancelled on a case by case basis.
  - Do not reschedule yet unless you are contacted by ProMetric
  - ProMetric resuming May 1st – shifting hours and opening up additional spots
  - If you are in that situation where your exam is cancelled, please inform OMIE
  - There is no additional information about PE at the moment (if you see availability and still need to schedule, please do so)
  - You must take COMLEX 2 PE to graduate
  - COMSAE – June 5th (most likely same format as the COMAT) – the cut off score might change

Dr. Sanderlin

- COMSAE – June 5th plan as if it is going to be remote
- Metro Health – might have to have COVID testing done before you go back in with PPE

Dr. Parker

- Medical Spanish – we are working on creating a Medical Spanish course – more information to come

Dr. Ratner

- Volunteer opportunities – UIWSOM does not officially recommend any volunteer activities at this time, but they are available for you (Cardinal Care)

Dr. Sellner

- NRMP – will that change? This is still uncertain, but things could change soon
- ERAS will open in June
- Polish your application, what programs you want to go to, develop your elevator speech, rehearse it with your friends, learn Zoom, research tips for interviewing virtually in the case that interviews are online