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UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Lon Knox, Secretary of the Senate
From: Dr. Anthony Sanfilippo, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education
Date: September 20, 2012
Re: ORIENTATION REPORT 2012 – School of Medicine
Attached: Combined Administrative/Student Run Activities Schedule

Orientation Week for the Class of Meds 2016 was jointly organized by the Undergraduate Office of the School of Medicine and by the Student Orientation Committee (2nd year medical students). The administrative purpose of the week was to introduce the incoming class to the program, policies and procedures and the support mechanisms available within the UGME office and from colleagues within the profession of medicine. The Student Orientation Committee ensures the new class is introduced to Queen's campus, to the city of Kingston.

Orientation week was a balanced mix of academic and social activities, held in the new School of Medicine building, at 15 Arch St. On Aug 27th, Orientation morning, the incoming students were welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Dr. Richard Reznick, as well as by the Associate Dean and the President of the Aesculapian Society. A new initiative this year was to immediately expose the students to a Team Based Learning format, thus, students were organized into their small groups and took part in a case based professionalism learning event focused on patient confidentiality. A Faculty/Student BBQ lunch followed, where new students were introduced to many Faculty members and upper year students. Building tours were conducted by senior medical students in the afternoon to familiarize the new students with the lecture halls, anatomy and physiology labs, and the group study rooms.

Also new this year was the introduction of peer teaching. 15 second year students volunteered to teach a small group of 2016 students and orient them to the technical resources available within MEDTech. Other academic activities included: "Introduction to the Student Support Team and Mentors" to inform students of the resources available in times of personal un-wellness or crisis, academic difficulties or when facing challenging career choices and paths; "Introduction to the Medical Community" where physicians spoke about their various career paths; "Pearls of Wisdom" where faculty members (chosen by senior students) shared advice to help the students succeed in their studies and their chosen careers; and a Curricular Overview session. The final academic orientation activity for the new students was to

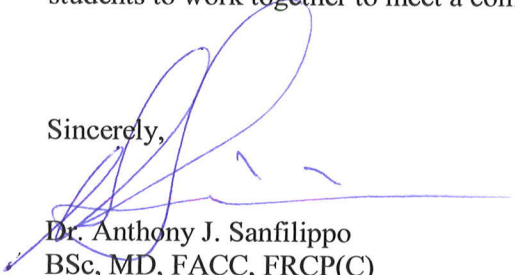
attend a memorial service in the Department of Anatomy, to make them aware of the privilege of working with cadavers as part of their education in human anatomy.

As always, the Students Orientation Committee organized many social activities throughout the week, to give new students the opportunity to meet their classmates and upper year students. This included; a lunch, partially sponsored by the Kingston Economic Development Corporation, a Formal Dinner and Dance, a Movie Night, a History Tour and Hippocratic Oath ceremony by torchlight at the lake (this ceremony focused on the history of the medical profession and the responsibility that being a physician entails), a 1000 Islands boat cruise, and various athletic competitions (Cardboard Boat Race; Corn Maze & BBQ).

The students each paid \$175 for the week's events (including a T-shirt.) Any remaining funds were deposited into the class account.

The collaboration between the Undergraduate Medical Education Office and the Student Orientation Committee, to improve orientation week was successful and was an exceptional opportunity for staff and students to work together to meet a common goal.

Sincerely,



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