

Academy of Medical Education Scholars

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Minutes

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Announcements

There was a discussion of admissions issues at the recent Council of Department Heads meeting. Beginning with the first-year class entering in 2010, up to 25% of the class will come from out-of-state applicants.

New members

Some inquiries have been received about criteria for entrance into the Academy. We decided that new members should be accepted, but not until the Academy has some concrete accomplishments and well-developed procedures. The goal will be to put out a call for new members in Summer 2010 and select some by that Fall.

Name

After some discussion, the name Academy of Medical Education Scholars was agreed on. Members felt that, although we would continue to be known colloquially as the Academy of Educators, the addition of the idea of scholarship to the group's official name would be worthwhile.

Budget

The following budget for this academic year was agreed on:

- a) \$10,000 to support travel by Academy members to appropriate educational meetings. Since this is a relatively small sum, members will be encouraged to find partial support from other sources when possible. Tentative meetings so far are the Innovations in Medical Education Conference at USC (Helen) and the Academies Collaborative at the AAMC annual meeting (Jack).
- b) \$5,000 to sponsor workshops and meetings. Possibilities so far include the Fall 2009 IAMSE webcast seminar and a bi-campus meeting of block directors and coordinators (and possibly others).
- c) \$25,000 for a small grants program to support education-related research. Grants would be a maximum of \$5,000 and an Academy member would need to be the principal investigator or a co-investigator on each. It would be expected that the results of each would be presented at least locally, perhaps at an annual medical education day or some similar venue. The target for this year will be to announce the first grants at the teaching awards ceremony in November.

Once the budget proposal is accepted, Jack will draft and circulate a letter about the new grants program.

Furrow Awards

Phil has given us free rein to reorganize the Furrow Awards program and to run the awards ceremony. We decided the nomination process should be as open as possible, with any faculty member able to nominate any colleague (or self-nominate). The assumption is that faculty from both campuses are eligible, but this needs to be confirmed.