

UIC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT CHICAGO
Student Advancement Committee
Annual Report 2009-2010

1. Dr. Patrick Tranmer continued as chair of the Student Advancement Committee.
2. Dean Kashima and OSA have continued to administer a comprehensive academic progress tracking report. This tracking was presented and discussed at each meeting which provided a significant amount of information to better inform committee members of the history and status of student academic progress.
3. In addition to providing student updates to the committee, Martha Halsey and Kelly-Ann Vassell (academic support) presented the format and required details of study plans for students who remediate either USMLE Step 1 or Step 2.
4. In April 2010, Dr. Janet Riddle presented information on Clinical Performance Assessments for medical students.
5. Communication to students regarding committee decisions was explicit (verbal and written), leaving no room for interpretation.
6. All committee members were asked to uphold and sign the confidentiality agreement.
7. Members achieved a quorum for every meeting. Student members attended every meeting.
8. Dr. Tranmer and Dean Kashima discussed with committee members the LCME standard: MS-27 The health professionals who provide psychiatric/psychological counseling or other sensitive health services to medical students must have no involvement in the academic evaluation or promotion of the students receiving those services. It is the responsibility of each site to make sure it is in place and that it is communicated to medical students and clinicians on a regular basis. This communication needs to be done at least annually at the start of the academic year and is recommended to be reinforced on clinical clerkships. This policy is not intended to restrict medical student access to a clinician of their choosing.
9. SAC members discussed developing a remediation process for students returning to clinical experiences after a long hiatus.
10. Six students appeared (in person or via phone) before the SAC committee to address issues regarding academic progression.
11. Following, on the next page, is a list of decisions and recommendations by SAC during the 2009-2010 year, including comparisons with the 2008 – 2009 year where data is available.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen Kashima, Senior Associate Dean, Office of Student Affairs

May 2009-April 2010

SAC has completed the following recommendations	Total Number of students	
	May 2008 – April 2009	May 2009 – April 2010
Students recommended for graduation	176 Class of 2008	189 Class of 2009
Students recommended for dismissal	2	0
Students recommended to withdraw in good academic standing	0	5
Students recommended to withdraw not in good academic standing	5	1
Students recommended for an extension to the time limit policy	1	1
Students approved for a leave of absence	26	24
Medical Leave	5	1
Educational Leave	6	6
Personal Leave	14	15
Career Reconsideration	1	2
Students recommended to repeat M1 year	3	4
Students recommended to repeat the M2 year	0	1
Students recommended to be changed in class	40	46
MSTP	4	7
Leave of Absence	26	22
Step 1 Failure or academic delay	4	10
Students in decompressed program	2	3
Joint Degree (MPH)	3	2
Informational Items		
USMLE Step 1 exam failures	15	16
USMLE Step 2CK exam failures	11	10
USMLE Step 2 CS exam failures	14	6
M1 students taking make up exams	26	17 ¹
M2 students taking make up exams	8	10 ¹

¹ Total does not include students who failed courses and then went on a leave of absence (2M1 students and 1 M2 Student)