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Executive Dean  
UIC College of Medicine

Dear Dean Rosenblatt,

I am pleased to offer a report on the activities of the College Committee on Student Promotions for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

With its elected faculty members, student members, and *ex officio* participants, the Committee oversees the progress of students at all campuses through the M.D. curriculum as guided by the College's Academic Policies and Professional Standards. Sally Campbell-Lee, MD, appointed to the committee in August 2020, serves as Vice-Chair.

In this period, the Committee did its work at 12 meetings, each with a quorum. I opened each meeting with a reminder that participants will observe confidentiality in all matters under discussion and that any parties in a treating or other sensitive relationship with a student under discussion should recuse themselves from the case.

Among its responsibilities, the Committee:

1. Promotes students in year, after completion of all requirements
2. Authorizes certain leaves of absence: academic study, financial, medical, participation in joint degree program, education/research, career reconsideration, and administrative
3. Grants repeat M1 and M2 years, according to student eligibility or for reasons of extenuating circumstances
4. Grants exceptions to policies governing testing and time limits, for reasons of extenuating circumstances
5. Changes students in class to accommodate delays related to medical, personal, academic, and educational leaves of absence
6. Records withdrawals from the College and various joint programs
7. Approves students for graduation
8. Designates students for graduation with honors
9. Imposes certain remedial actions for academic and professional reasons
10. Dismisses certain students for academic reasons or behavior inconsistent with professional standards

In this reporting period, the Committee approved 95 students for graduation with honors, with this distribution by campus: Chicago – 65, Peoria – 15, Rockford – 13, and Urbana – 2.

The Committee also dismissed 1 student for failure to progress or behavior inconsistent with the College's professional standards and approved the withdrawal of 7 students for various reasons.

We are saddened to report the passing of Chicago committee member Janet Riddle, MD, who was a member since 2017.

The committee invited several guests:

- Gloria Elam, MD, Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion and Director, Urban Health Program, discussed Resources for Underrepresented Minority Students
- Sophia Hamilton, DRC Director and Kimberly Gardiner, Assistant Director Health Science Disability Resources, described their processes for student accommodation requests under the Americans with Disability Act and the resources available to all campuses.
- David Marder, MD, University Health Services Director, discussed Fitness for Participation evaluations
- Geoff Thames, PhD, Executive Director for Academic Support and Achievement, attended multiple meetings to provide updates on the standardization and required elements of student study plans and cross-campus student support improvements
- Trevonne Thompson, MD, Associate Dean for Admissions, updated the committee on recent training initiatives for committee members and interviewers.

Significant improvements in communication between CCSP and the College Committee on Instruction and Appraisal (CCIA) have been made. This communication bears on the roles of CCIA as the policy development committee and CCSP as the policy enforcement committee. Richard Tapping, PhD, as chair of the CCIA Policy Subcommittee, presents monthly and CCIA decisions are posted in a central location.

A sub-committee has been formed to review the bylaws and propose potential changes. Inconsistencies have been presented in a prior College Executive Committee Meeting.

Pre-meetings have been instituted to address complicated cases, and efforts are being made to develop uniform reports and requests, all of which lead to more efficient meetings.

One lawsuit against the University on the grounds of wrongful dismissal continues.

Sincerely,



Michael Bresler, MD  
Chair  
College Committee on Student Promotions