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**UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION MEMORANDUM**

To: Ms. Georgina Moore, Secretary of the Senate  
From: Dr. Anthony Sanfilippo, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education  
Date: October 3, 2011  
Re: ORIENTATION REPORT 2011 – School of Medicine  
Attachments: Orientation Week 2011 Student Feedback Survey Results

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Orientation Week for the Class of Meds 2015 was jointly organized by the Undergraduate Office of the School of Medicine and by the Student Orientation Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> year medical students). It was designed to introduce the students to the medical profession, to the Queen's campus, to the city of Kingston, and to each other.

Orientation week was a balanced mix of academic and social activities, held in the new School of Medicine building, at 15 Arch St. This is a stunning new building and it was very exciting for all involved to be in this facility. On Aug 30th, 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, the President of the Aesculapian Society, and key Faculty members. 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.

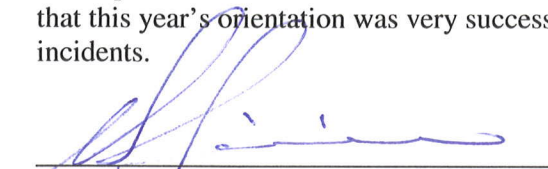
Other academic activities included an "Introduction to the Medical Community" where 3 physicians spoke about their various career paths; a "Pearls of Wisdom" session where 8 faculty members (chosen by senior students) shared advice to help the students succeed in their studies and their chosen careers; an overview of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario; and a Curricular Overview session. The last 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.

Many social activities were planned throughout the week, which 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.

Participation in Orientation social activities was voluntary and the majority did participate. It appeared that this year's orientation was very successful (see attached survey) and there were no untoward student incidents.



Dr. Anthony Sanfilippo

**Attachment:**

Student Feedback Survey (Meds 2015 class)

Orientation Week 2011

58 out of 100 students responded

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**1. Did you find Orientation Week overwhelming?**

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| a) Overwhelming                  | 10% |
| b) Just right                    | 88% |
| c) Not enough content/activities | 2%  |

**2. On Wednesday morning (Aug 31), you had presentations by three faculty members who spoke about their different career paths in medicine.**

**Did you find it useful to hear their stories?**

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| a) Yes | 95% |
| b) No  | 5%  |

**3. Referring to question 2, did the session make you think differently about what you might like to pursue in medicine?**

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| a) Yes | 49% |
| b) No  | 51% |

**4. Referring to question 2, did the session make you feel welcome?**

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| a) Yes | 100% |
| b) No  | 0%   |

**6. Did the "PEARLS OF WISDOM" session make you feel welcome?**

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| a) Yes | 100% |
| b) No  | 0%   |

**7. Were there any topics that faculty members should have addressed in their Thursday "PEARLS OF WISDOM" session? Explain:**

- *No, it was outstanding.*
- *No - Pearls of Wisdom was perfect the way it was!*
- *No. I loved every moment of it!*
- *I thought many of the important topics: life balance, making friends, being humble were covered. very well done!*
- *I thought this session was a great idea because it introduced us to a lot of faculty in a short time who have influenced other students.*
- *Pearls of wisdom was great as it is.*
- *No, I thought they were very comprehensive!*
- *I enjoyed it very much when faculty members incorporated their own personal experiences when discussing their topics. It makes the message resonate really well.*
- *Perhaps comments from a shy doc about settling in to a new community, though that sort of discussion may be too individual to help such a broad group of people.*

**8. Did you find the “Curricular Overview” session with Dr. Sanfilippo, and Dr. Gibson on Friday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> useful?**

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| a) Yes | 98% |
| b) No  | 2%  |

**9. How would you rank the overall “Orientation Week” experience?**

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| a) Had a great time | 88% |
| b) It was OK        | 12% |
| c) Got bored        | 0%  |

**10. How would you rank the overall organization of events?**

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| a) Well organized | 60% |
| b) Good           | 40% |
| c) Poor           | 0%  |
| d) Very poor      | 0%  |