

Pre-S.C.R.I.P.T
UNM's Pre-Pharmacy Society
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2008
Location: SUB, Fiesta A/B
Presiding: Ali Ahmed
Recorder: Marissa Salazar

6:30p.m.

Ali Ahmed, Pre-Script President, began the Pre-Pharmacy Society meeting. He announced that our APhA member at large, Debra Pappler has stepped down from her position. Our newly elected APhA member at large is now Awayn Pritchard.

6:30p.m.

Awayn welcomed everyone to the meeting and she thanked everyone for attending and helping with the JDRF Halloween Carnival. She is very excited and is very willing to answer any of your questions. She also mentioned that the next APhA meeting is next Wednesday, November 19 on North campus room 135 at 4:00p.m.

6:31p.m.

Ali then introduced Krystal Weaver, Academic Advisor and coordinator, who informed every one of new updates. The deadline for your application to be in is February 1, 2009 which is a Sunday, so it will be extended to February 2, 2009. If you are taking the PCAT in January, COP will hold your application until they get your scores. Also, for those of you who took the PCAT in October, COP will receive your scores in December. Registration for taking the PCAT in January does have room available, but if you already registered for the one in Farmington, stay with it. You should stay with it because they will charge you again to register for the one in Albuquerque. Krystal also mentioned that job shadowing and volunteering is considered Pharmacy experience.

Q: What if your application is ready, but you are waiting for a letter of recommendation? Still you should hit the submit it?

A: Yes

6:35p.m.

Ali introduced Charles Burns from Kaplan to give us some new updates. Charles informed everyone that PCAT prep classes are starting in April and July. Yet, if you can't wait that long, there are online classes that you can start.

6:36p.m.

Dianne Perea, College of Pharmacy advisor and financial aid advisor, talked to us about planning ahead. She said that if you do get in, the first year will be difficult, so do not plan on working and be very organized. She described what is considered financial aid. Financial aid is grants, loans and work study. There are two types of loans, subsidized and unsubsidized. With a subsidized loan, there is zero interest. With an unsubsidized loan, there is 6% interest which is based on the March deadline. Fasfa is also changing, but you can start filling it out by January 1st. You can go to www.fasfa.ed.gov for this process. She also informed use of the cost of tuition per

semester, which is about \$6121.00. The lottery pays about \$5522.00. Dianne also informed use of what is meant by NEED. Need means the cost of attendance minus the expected family income. Your total is what you need left to pay for the semester. Also, she went over some rules for how to keep your grants or scholarships. They are keeping a 2.0 GPA, have a 67% completion rate for classes, and stay with the 150% time frame required for completion. If you have any questions you can e-mail Dianne at Dperea@salud.unm.edu or call her at 272-2960.

Q: Does the Lottery pay per semester or year?

A: It pays per semester.

Q: Does the Lottery increase?

A: Does not increase, but it is extended for 8 more semesters.

Q: Can you e-mail the presentation?

A: If you e-mail me and you want it, she will send it to you.

Q: What is the cost of instate tuition per semester?

A: The cost is \$6181.20 for instate tuition, but multiply by 2 to get a year's worth.

6:58p.m.

Next, Riley Vu, Pre-SCRIPT Vice President, gave a run down of the upcoming events. There is an event tomorrow, November 13 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Julie Weston by e-mail at nmpaha-admin@qwestoffice.net. Next event is the Roadrunner Food Bank drive on Sunday November 23 from 9a.m. till 4:00 p.m. You will be sorting and boxing food. We also have a compounding workshop coming up at North campus on Nov. It will be in room 41 and you need to sign up for each session as only 22 people are allowed per session. In December, there will be the Relay for Life event. The profits from this event will go to the American Cancer Society. If you are interested, please stay after the meeting and talk to Riley. Finally, we are hoping to get our t-shirts in time for the Roadrunner Food Bank drive. These events and their information will be posted on the website very soon. Please go to www.unmprepharm.com for it.

7:01p.m.

Trung Bui, Pre-SCRIPT Historian, discussed the website and what is on there. On the site under mission statement is where you can join the list serve, or remove yourself from the list serve. Also, on the introduction page, you can find the meeting minutes here. There is a volunteer event section in which you can see the upcoming events and their information. We added a discussion form that will be up and running very soon.

7:05p.m.

Towards the end of the meeting, Dr. Thompson, Kim, and Krystal, had us form groups to play Pharmacy feud. This is like family feud but with Pharmacy questions.

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Meeting adjourned.