

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

Date: September 3, 2008
Location: SUB, Ballroom A
Presiding: Ali Ahmed
Recorder: Marissa Salazar

6:30p.m.

Ali Ahmed, Pre-Script President, began the Pre-Pharmacy Society meeting. Ai introduced the new board members for Pre-SCRIPT. Soon after, he let Trung, Pre-SCRIPT Historian, talk about the new website. The welcome page is still getting edited, and items that will be on page will be a schedule of meetings and events. There will be a gallery for the Pre-SCRIPT pictures and volunteer opportunities as well. Pre-Script officer's profiles and pictures will be on the website as well as the link to the doctor of pharmacy page. E-mails should be sent directly to Ali Ahmed at ahmed@unm.edu.

6:37p.m.

Krystal Weaver, coordinator for student advisement at the College of Pharamcy, introduced herself to the new Pre-SCRIPT members and informed us of important updates. Krystal will no longer be seeing student's due to the fact that she is taking on a more administrative roll. She informed us of her co-workers that will now be the people to go to for questions. This includes Dianne Perra, advising and financial aid; Beth Row, advising for both undergraduates and PH.D/Graduates; and Shannie Martinez, administrative associate. Dianne and Beth are the ones to see for advising. If you have questions or problems, don't hesitate to contact Krystal and she will direct you to the right person that you would need to speak to. Her e-mail is kweaver@salud.unm.edu or by phone at 505-272-0583. Krystal notified us that the supplemental fee increased this year to \$50 and that the seven year rule will be enforced this fall. This rule only applies to Biology and Chemistry. College of pharmacy is no longer accepting C-'s , only C's and up. Admissions committee will be approving 3 new pre-requisite additions for fall 2011 applicants. Put e-mail on sign in sheet to get put on list serve for more information. Early decision for applications was extended to September 5, 2008.

6:38p.m.

Dr. Megan Thompson, Director of Student Services from the College of Pharmacy, introduced herself and began discussing volunteer experiences and other specific ideas that we, pre-pharmacy students, can do to gain more understanding into the competitive field of pharmacy. Dr. Thompson is here to help us get volunteer experience and job shadowing. If you are interested in a specific area, please let her know and it will be easier for her to place you for volunteering or job shadowing. She suggested becoming a volunteer with University Hospital. Once you have gone through volunteer orientation, let her know and she will ask clinics to take you for shadowing. Another way to get experience is to work in a pharmacy itself. You can apply for pharmacy technician position and get a certified license as well. If you want to set up a meeting with Dr. Thompson, you can schedule an appointment with her secretary, Vanessa Garcia. Another

topic that she informed us about was that the pharmacy admission committee will now be looking more closely at the PCAT. She suggested taking a practice PCAT which is offered through Kaplan. You may contact Charles Burns for more information. If you have any further questions, please e-mail Dr. Thompson at methompson@salud.unm.edu.

6:54p.m.

Jessica Conklin, president of APha-ASP, spoke to Pre-SCRIPT about the APha member at large position. If elected into this position you will be a liaison between the APha-ASP chapter and our chapter. If you are interested please place your name on the sheet going around as well as your e-mail address. She also mentioned a volunteer opportunity that will be coming up on October 24-25. It is the Halloween Carnival for children with Juvenile Diabetes. To add, this event is a requirement if you are interested in the member at large position. Apha-ASP stands for the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists. It is a professional pharmacy organization that gives us knowledge into the world of pharmacy and how pharmacists and pharmacy students across the nation contribute to creating changes in the pharmacy profession. If you would like to become a member, you can sign up at www.pharmacists.com where there is a registration fee of \$30-40 dollars.

7:04p.m.

Emily Tubinski, Vice President of APha-ASP, came to speak to the Pre-SCRIPT Society. She informed Pre-SCRIPT that APha-ASP will be having their first meeting next Wednesday (September 10, 2008) at the College of Pharmacy, room 135, from 4-5 p.m. Another meeting will also be held October 2 in the same room at the same time. Everyone is welcomed to attend. She also let us know about a competition that will be coming up. It is the Patient Counseling Competition, in which competitors will be tested on explaining and letting patients know about their medications and what to expect. More information on this competition will be coming soon via e-mail. If you have any questions, you may contact her at etabinski@salud.unm.edu.

7:08p.m.

Vice President election's will now be held. These are the following candidates: Adrienne Chavez, Riely Vu, Rose Pavlakos, Janelle Shroba, Ryan Bacq, Jesse Garrett, and Soha Abdalla. Votes were placed after hearing what each candidate would contribute to the Pre-SCRIPT Society.

7:33p.m.

The votes are in and the new Vice President for Pre-SCRIPT Society is Riley Vu.

7:34p.m.

Meeting adjourned.