

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

Date: February 18, 2009
Location: SUB, Fiesta A/B
Presiding: Ali Ahmed
Recorder: Angelica Avila

6:45 p.m.

Ali Ahmed, Pre-Script President, began the Pre-Pharmacy Society meeting. He introduced two first year pharmacy students that had a survey about what kind of motivations students have to become pharmacists.

6:46 p.m.

Ali then introduced Riley Vu, Pre-Script Vice President, that had information on upcoming events. There will be a College of Pharmacy Career fair on February 26, 2009 from 10-1. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and take down the event. Set up for this event starts at 8:30 a.m. and take down is from 1-2 p.m. It will be held at the Dominici Center. Next event is a bone marrow drive on March 3rd and 4th from 10-2 p.m. Volunteers will help with setting up and handing out consent forms. We will also be having a Pre-Script social night event. It will be on February 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the College of Pharmacy building room 135. There will be a movie, free food and drinks.

6:47 p.m.

Next, Dr. Thompson, Director of Student services at the College of Pharmacy, introduced a 3rd year Pharmacy student, Christian Sanchez to tell us about his experience. He graduated from UT El Paso and had resources to people who did interview prep. Your interview is about 50% for your chances to get in or not. Interview process is important because 90% of pharmacists interact with patients on a daily basis and they need good communication skills. It's ok to be nervous, but don't let it get to you. You should be able to express yourself on some questions. Don't ramble on and be concise with your answer.

Questions to expect:

Why do you want to become a pharmacist?

They will ask you about your personal statement, make sure you are able to back it up... any stories you mention in it make sure you answer with no problem.

If you were a drug, what will you be?

What was the last book you read?

(They want to get to know you personally)

They will ask about your grades, like why did you get a C in Organic Chemistry? Make sure you have an explanation.

6:58 p.m.

Our next presenter was Richard Ross ([HYPERLINK "mailto:rross@unm.edu" rross@unm.edu](mailto:rross@unm.edu)) who came to talk to us about mock interviews. He let us know to book a time at least 2 ½ weeks in advance. Before the interview, go to career services to schedule the interview. You can call 277-2531, visit them at Mesa Vista, or go to their website at www.career.unm.edu. Do some research and arrive early. Remember to be honest, sincere and genuine. When you meet your panel of interview, give a good firm handshake. It can make a difference. Dress business professional, so no jeans or flip flops. A two piece suit is strongly recommended for men and women. Do not wear perfume and remember to rehearse, rehearse, and rehearse. During the interview, act and converse professionally, but also smile. Answer each question thoroughly, be enthusiastic, and show your excitement about the position.

Some questions:

Tell me about yourself

Academics, skills, professional experience, competencies.

2 minutes.

If you were a drug, what would you be?

What was your motivation for applying for this position?

How do you know your education and experience has prepared you for this

position?

When you are given a task or project, how do you organize your time and what steps do you follow to complete that task or project?

Do you prefer a team environment or have more individual control over what you do?

Why did you choose pharmacy instead of medicine, physical therapy, or social work?

Why did you choose UNM's pharmacy program over others?

How do you spend your time outside the classroom?

What is your biggest regret? What would you do differently? (have a few in mind)

What do you think we should look for in applicants?

What would you do if you saw one of your fellow students cheating?

What changes in medicine do you think will affect your profession?

Do you think that health care practitioners make too much money?

What do you dislike about the field of medicine as a whole?

A patient comes into your office that desperately needs a prescription not covered by her insurance. She is a single mother with three small children, and cannot pay for the prescription out of her pocket. What would you do?

Tell me 2 accomplishments you are proud of and 1 thing you regret. (have a few in mind)

When working with a team, would you describe your typical role as a motivator, a thinker, a leader, or a worker? Explain your answer.

What are your goals for the next 5-10 years? (Where do you aspire to be professionally?)

What makes you stand out from other candidates applying for this position?

If you could be an animal, which would you be and why?

(they are trying to see if you can think on your feet)

Where do you want to work after the Pharmacy program?

What questions do you have for us?

Expect this question, and be ready for it!! Have a few questions ready before you arrive, gathered from your research.

This is where Honesty, Sincerity, Genuineness really come through. Make sure these questions mean something to you!

Make sure you prepare! You can stand in front of the mirror and practice. The views of those interviewing you are to decide if the person can perform the functions of the job. The questions are around 3-5 minutes and they look for depth of the answer you provide. You can also send them a thank you note.

7:51 p.m.

Krystal Weaver had information on application updates. The biggest months for interviews are the March and April. If there is a problem with your interview, Krystal will contact you. The second week of March is when the January's PCAT score come in.

7:55 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

