ADEA Section on Dental School Admissions Officers

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Section Activities

1. Section/SIG activities – best example(s)
2. Meetings/Programs – include title, description, feedback, etc., for any programs presented by your section/SIG. Any collaborative activities should be included in this section as well.
   a. ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition
   b. Regional Meetings
   c. National Meetings
3. Newsletter (either electronic or print)
4. Project Pool Submission

Membership and Attendance
In this section, report the following information.

1. Total membership for the section/SIG as of past ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition
2. Total attendance at the past section/SIG Program and Members’ Forum

Meeting Minutes
Section on
Dental Student Admissions Officers

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Section/SIG activities:

1. Meetings/programs:
   a. ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition
      DSAO and the Council of Faculties co-sponsored the ADEA program, "Eating Disorders: Implications for Clinicians and Dental Educators." There were 72 people in attendance. The session provided a powerful first-hand account of the nature and consequences of eating disorders on the individual.
We also held our Members Forum with members of the Student Affairs and Financial Aid section.

b. Regional Meetings
The Fall 2009 AFASA Meeting was held in Dallas, Texas from October 22-24, 2009. DSAO session topics were:

1. ADEA Admissions Committee Workshops: Trainers’ report and discussion of next steps
2. Student Ambassador Program: Discussion and next steps
3. Criminal Background Checks: AADSAS Implementation
4. “Legal Issues Facing Institutions
5. Learning about Online Courses
6. Financial Aid: What Admissions and Student Affairs Officers Need to Know (this session can also focus on lessons learned from collaborative working group the day before)
7. Best Practices in Online Application Processing: An Update and Discussion
8. Admission Practices
   • Focus on the AADSAS Admissions Officers Portal
   • AADSAS Enhancement Requests
   • Enhancing AClient

c. National Meetings
Although we did not have a formal presentation, several members attended the NAAHP national conference in Atlanta, Georgia in June, 2010.

2. Newsletter (either electronic or print)
   • The DSAO section has not historically had a newsletter. We are discussing ways in which to better communicate out to our members, including distributing meeting minutes via our sectional listserv, and possibly creating a newsletter after each conference with highlights of the sessions for those who were unable to attend.
   • The DSAO section listserv was actively utilized to foster ongoing communication between section members over the past year.

3. Project Pool Submission
   • None planned at this time.

Membership and Attendance

A. Total membership for the section: 628
B. Total attendance at the section’s 2010 Members’ Forum: 71

Section Structure

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Financial Status

Current Section Balance:
As of February 23, 2010 the account balance is $1,360.81.

Meeting Minutes

MEMBER’S FORUM
ADEA Sections on Dental School Admissions Officers and
Student Affairs and Financial Aid
Sunday, February 28, 2010
National Harbor, MD

This meeting was held concurrently with the Members Forum of the Student Affairs and Financial Aid Section of ADEA.

Total in attendance: 71

Meeting was called to order by DSAO Chair Venita Sposetti at 10:30am.

Business Meeting
Councilor’s Report – Carolyn Booker

- Treasurer’s Report
  - Student Affairs / Financial Aid $1,360.81
  - Dental School Admissions Officers $1,360.81

- Dr. Andrieu discussed the goals for 2011 conference; the theme is “Inter-Professional Education”. The concept is to bring together various professions at the conference to work collaboratively. Dr. Andrieu will work to create more “white space” time for networking within the conference.

- Dr. Valachovic provided an update on new dental schools. BYU is the #1 feeder to dental schools.
• Project Pool – Sections coming together for funding is encouraged. There haven’t been sufficient proposals in recent years.

• 2010 Fall Meetings Oct. 28-30, New Orleans
  o June 1 – proposal deadline

• Special Program Fund – presented by Sharon Speigel, Councilor Liaison. The concept is to take some monies from each of the sections into a new fund that all sections can apply for to create collaborative programming. A Task Force with representatives from each of the sections would determine how the fund would operate.

Elections – Student Affairs / Financial Aid
Secretary – James Betbeze
Councilor – Phil Pierpont

Elections – Admissions Officers
Secretary – Shelia Price
Councilor – Venita Sposetti

Division of Educational Pathways (DEP) Update – Anne Wells
• Pre-Dental Student Workshop, Saturday 2/27
  Over 325 registered students; over 400 attended. ADEA participants will be surveyed for feedback and suggestions on improving the program for next year.

• ADEA Task Force on Applicant Misconduct
  o Review policies / practices of related professions
  o Develop ADEA policy for handling misconduct / irregularities in application
  o Progress to Date:
    ▪ Strengthened wording in applications relating to misconduct
    ▪ Survey admissions officers about application misconduct
      ▪ 37 responses thus far; the survey is still open and schools are encouraged to complete one
    ▪ Establishment of a database to report misconduct issues
    ▪ Interest in adding student disciplinary checks to AADSAS
    ▪ Develop an ADEA Applicant Code of Conduct

• CODA Predoctoral Accreditation Standards Update
  o New standards to address diversity
  o These are currently out for comment

• New Dental Schools
  o 2011 the following schools will join AADSAS
    ▪ Eastern Carolina University, Greenville, NC
    ▪ Midwestern University, Downer’s Grove, IL
    ▪ University of Southern Nevada, South Jordan, UT
  o Schools in the planning stages
    ▪ University of New England, Portland ME
  o Schools conducting feasibility studies
    ▪ Florida A&M
    ▪ University of Arkansas
    ▪ University of Kansas
    ▪ University of New Mexico
    ▪ University of Utah
    ▪ University of Utah
Florida
Marshfield Clinic, WI

Admissions Committee Workshops (ACWS)
- 10 admissions officers are trained to provide these workshops
- funding was provided by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- focus is holistic admissions and increasing diversity
- Minority Admissions of overall and first time, first year applicants vs. enrollees to dental schools was discussed; there are more applications in the system, but the percentage of enrollees has not increased at the same pace.

ADEA FADEA (Future of Advanced Dental Education Admissions)
- Project launched in conjunction with ADEA Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs (COHEAP)
- Goal is to increase methods to analyze, compare, and select applicants to advanced dental education programs
- Project Stages:
  - Survey program directors in March 2010 regarding current practices
  - April 2010 – meeting for 50 specialty organizations and ADEA Members to gather more information
  - Fall 2010 – meeting to identify ways to improve PASS, and evaluate the need for additional tools.

DENTPIN – Anne Wells and Gene Kramer
- DENTPIN is an 8 digit identifier
- DENTPIN will replace the Social Security Number in AClient
- DAT test takers since December 3, 2009 have been required to obtain DENTPIN
- 2011 AADSAS applicants will be required to obtain DENTPIN
- all currently enrolled dental students have been assigned DENTPINs, which they will need to register for National Boards. There is a link on the NBDE website for students to look up their DENTPIN.
- 2010 entering class – does NOT have DENTPIN. Schools must instruct these students to obtain them, and report them to the school. Schools will be required to use DENTPINs for CODA reporting and ADEA Applicant Analysis.
- Students can obtain and/or look up their DENTPINs on the ADA website.

DAT Update and Trends – Gene Kramer
- Official DAT scores will be available through AADSAS beginning with the 2011 cycle.
- A Critical Thinking test may be added to or replace an existing test on the DAT battery. This change is being considered now.
- A basic calculator will appear on the Quantitative Reasoning test beginning March 2010. The rationale is that the use of the calculator will allow for a higher level of questioning.

ADA Ambassador’s Program – John Killip
- This student-initiated program was started in Fall 2009
- Objective: to initiate student interaction with underrepresented minorities to try to increase the number of minority students applying to dental school.
- Pilot programs being developed with ambassadors:
  - University of Chicago at Illinois
    - 15 ambassadors
    - Work with admissions day interviewers
  - UMKC – developing three phase program; currently working on Phase 2
    - Phase 1: Dental student for a day (personal experience)
Phase 2: ADA Student Ambassador and SNDA/(HAD) Electronic Communications (electronic)
Phase 3: Second Dental student for a day (personal experience)

Predental student international experiences – Lisa Deem
- Recent discussions on AFASA2 Listserv regarding predental students providing oral health care abroad as untrained individuals, and touting this experience in their dental school applications
- Several program providers exist (e.g. International Service Learning, Vita)
- Should an ADEA statement be prepared about this issue?
- Discussion focused on how to address the issue, what should our stance be, is it appropriate to hold students accountable for experiences they have under licensed dentists?
- Pre-Health Advisors expressed a need for guidance on how to advise their students. Further discussion is necessary on this topic to address this issue more fully.

Updates / Topics of Interest
- Traffic Rules Resolutions for 2011
  o Lift Date Change from May 1 to April 1 – this is the date schools begin reporting on students holding positions in their incoming classes. The proposal is to change the date to accommodate those schools with earlier start dates.
  o Response Period Change for December from 45 days to 30 days. The remainder of the traffic rules governing the response periods remain the same as previous years.
- Changing Dec 1 National Signing Date?
  o The Signing Date is the first date on which offers of admission may be extended to candidates for that admissions cycle.
  o With the change in response period in December to 30 days, if the signing date changed to December 15, candidates would still be responding in mid-January, so we lose the benefit (although we would not have due dates around the New Year holiday).
  o We must be conscious of the students’ needs to interview before responding to early offers (are we being applicant friendly?)
  o Different school deadline dates create a never-ending discussion about the signing date and traffic rules dates.
  o It was suggested that further discussion take place regarding deadlines in general.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.