

General Meeting

11/14/07

Began at 6:30pm, ended at 7:30pm

54 people in attendance

1. Pre-meeting
 - Free soda and Gumby's pizza served
 - Sign up sheets for events available
2. President announcements – Nina
 - MCAT course auction will be discussed at the last meeting
 - Purdue grad school representative is giving a talk on Nov 15th
 - Officer elections for Industry Co-Chair and Freshman Representative at the next general meeting. Took nominations.
 - Next general meeting speaker is from Epic
 - Industry trip to tour Epic's campus Thurs, Nov 29th at 4:00pm
3. Industry Relations announcements – Dave
 - Industry trip to GE Healthcare headquarters went well
 - BMES played in the Bumps for Humps charity volleyball tournament
4. Outreach chair announcements - Emily
 - Recap of Trick or Treat for canned goods and Special Olympics Bowling
 - Upcoming events: Salvation Army, Girl Scout Badge Day, BioCore Science night, Science Olympiad
5. Treasurer announcements – Eric
 - Top seller from Boston Store fundraiser last week got brownies
 - JSM Properties is offering a promotion to reduce rent for tenants and give BMES money if 4 groups of students sign a lease to live in a JSM property
6. Social Chair announcements – Ben
 - Society of Women Engineers is hosting the Winter Formal Fri, Nov 30th at Best Western Inn on the Park. Dinner and pre-party to be held for all BMES members.
7. Industry Relations announcements – Kellen
 - Med school trip to tour UW facility Fri, Nov 30th
8. Freshman representative - Deborah
 - Student advising following the end of the meeting
9. Speaker – Heath Stacey – Plastic surgery resident
 - Getting into Medical School
 - What to expect the first 2 years of med school as well as later on
 - How do you choose a residency?
 - Reasons for choosing plastic surgery

- How to prepare for med school as an undergrad – should you do research?

10. Speaker – Elizabeth Felton – MD/PhD student

- Did undergrad in Chemical engineering and then worked 2 years – it's OK to take time off to gain experience and maturity
- MD/PhD program involves: 2 years of med school, 4-5 years of graduate school to complete PhD, finish up with 2+ years of medical school
- Benefit is that you can combine the MD and PhD paths to do research and work with patients
- Tuition is completely paid for
- Advice for getting letters of recommendation
- Doing PhD research in brain-computer interfacing

11. Dr. Andersen – Surgeon on UW Medical school admissions board

- Admissions committee looks at motivation to go to med school and what medical experience you have
- What one med school looks for in applicants may differ from what another med school wants
- 1 in 6 or 7 in-state applicants are admitted, tougher for out of state applicants
- GPA is viewed long with how challenging your courses were
- Above 29-30 is considered good on the MCAT
- Write a good essay and have good rec letters – both are very important factors
- Get hands on patient experience and do volunteering that has some duration to it
- Spanish fluency is desired
- In the personal statement be sincere – explain why you want to be a doctor and give experiences
- Rolling admissions mean the earlier you get your applications in the better

12. Post-Op

- Advising session