

## **Dean's Newsletter**

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#### **First Annual Presentation on Diversity in Graduate Education**

On Friday, December 6th at 4:30 p.m. in the Fairchild Auditorium. Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, III, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County will give the First Annual Symposium on Diversity in Graduate Education. Dr. Hrabowski is a scholar and educator who has won national recognition for his work on increasing minority participation in math and the sciences. His presentation is entitled "Modeling for Success."

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#### **Moving Toward Curriculum Renewal**

We are moving toward a renewal of the Medical Student curriculum designed to permit Stanford students to benefit as optimally as possible from the exceptional faculty and resources that exist at the Medical School and the University. The three guiding principles for the curriculum renewal include, first, defining the essential knowledge that students need for lifetime learning in medicine and bioscience and, as much as possible, to teach this in an integrated manner. Second, we are eager for students to begin learning clinical medicine in parallel with basic science at the outset of their medical education and to keep basic and clinical science closely aligned throughout medical school and through post-graduate education. Thirdly, we are eager for our students to pursue in-depth learning in a specific area of medicine or science through a "scholarly track" or "major and/or concentration." We believe this type of scholarly experience will enable them to become uniquely proficient and poised for leadership and a career of significance.

Needless to say, making curriculum changes is always a challenge, especially given the various constituents and stewards who are involved. Moreover, it is a process that is continually unfolding and evolving. Although a number of committees have been

working diligently during the past months on this process, it seemed prudent to hold a leadership meeting to reaffirm our commitment to this important process. Accordingly, on Monday night, November 25<sup>th</sup>, a group of basic and clinical science course directors, members of the Faculty Senate, Dean's Office, and students gathered to review the vision for the new curriculum and the accomplishments that have occurred to date – as well as the significant obstacles and challenges that remain ahead. This important meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Ted Sectish, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Chair of the Committee on Courses and Curriculum and Dr. Neil Gesundheit, Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean for Medical Education. The group had a spirited discussion and crafted a process and timeline that would permit the initiation of changes to begin for the class entering in 2003. These principles were also articulated by a Charge to the CCC on April 24, 2002. While ambitious, the agenda is doable, although it will surely require accommodation, adjustment and compromise.

I am excited by the progress that has been made and do very much believe that we have the opportunity to develop a revitalized learning environment for our students and faculty that will impact on generations of future Stanford Medical Students. I want to add my personal commitment to affirming the importance of this process and the need for the current momentum to be sustained and enhanced during the months ahead.

### **Accessing and Tracking Faculty Appointments and Promotions**

I am pleased to let you know that Ms. Linda Deasy McLaughlin, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, and her colleagues in Academic Affairs have announced the launch of *Faculty Appointment Tracking* on the web. This will permit Department Chairs and their designates to access updated information on the status of faculty actions on the web. Hopefully this will make the information more accessible to faculty within their departments.

The Dean's Office is actively working on ways to further streamline the appointment and promotion process for faculty and staff physicians. Details about this will be forthcoming in future Newsletters.

### **Remote Access to Online Lane Library Resources at the VA**

The Office of Information Resources and Technology is pleased to announce that Stanford users at the Palo Alto VA can now receive access to online library content. Lane Library has completed extensive software testing and negotiations with publishers to create a secure and robust method for viewing online library content from off campus. For details connect to: <http://lane.stanford.edu/online/remotearchive.html>.

Please note some titles are still restricted to on campus use only per license restrictions. This list is constantly being updated. Contact [laneinfo@lanelib.stanford.edu](mailto:laneinfo@lanelib.stanford.edu) or 723-6831 for assistance

## **World AIDS Day 2002**

Thanks to the efforts of Brent Kobashi, SMS I, and the Stanford World AIDS Day Committee, a moving Forum was held on Monday evening, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Despite the fact that AIDS has now passed the 20 year mark, its impact on human life remains significant, especially in developing nations. Although much progress has occurred in the past two decades in both basic science and the clinical care of HIV/AIDS, the disparity of treatment and prevention strategies globally remains significant and is in some ways further deteriorating. It is imperative that we not become complacent about this devastating disease and that we serve as advocates for the delivery of care, treatment and preventive regimens on global basis.

## **Staff Seminar Series Begins December 4<sup>th</sup>**

In order to engage as many members of our medical school community in the exciting advances that are taking place in medicine and science, we are introducing a *Staff Seminar Series*. The purpose of this seminar series is to give administrative staff an opportunity to hear faculty talk about the science and research that is being done in the School of Medicine, and to give staff a better understanding and closer connection with the research and teaching mission of the School of Medicine

On Wednesday, December 4, 2002 in the Munzer Auditorium, Beckman Center, from 4-5 PM, Dr. James Nelson, Rudy J. and Daphne Donohue Munzer Professor in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology and Senior Associate Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Education, will be the first speaker. **Registration is required. To register, click on the web site, <http://reggie.stanford.edu/signup.asp?648>**

## **Town Hall Meeting Regarding the Professoriate**

On Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Fairchild Auditorium, a Town Hall Meeting on the Professoriate will be hosted by David K. Stevenson, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The topic for the Town Hall Meeting is to clarify the criteria for appointment and promotion in the Medical Center Line (MCL) – Clinician-Investigator Line. This forum will allow faculty to ask questions on all related matters. All faculty are invited to attend.

## **Congratulations**

Judy Illes, Senior Research Scholar at the Center for Biomedical Ethics, and a member of the Department of Radiology, was recently honored by the *Women in Neuroscience*, by being elected President-Elect. *Women in Neuroscience* is an international organization of about 900 members, associated with the Society for Neuroscience. It was founded in 1980 with the chief purpose of fostering the development and career advancement of women scientists, particularly in the field of neuroscience.

## **Appointments and Promotions**

- **Joachim Hallmayer** has been appointed Associate Professor (Research) of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, effective 12/1/2002 – 11/30/2008.
- **Thomas Rando** has been promoted to Associate Professor of Neurology and Neurological Sciences effective 12/1/2002.
- **Philip Tsao** has been appointed Assistant Professor (Research) of Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine), effective 12/1/2002 – 11/30/2005.