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Here, I hope to briefly illustrate my thoughts on some of the issues that will be facing Weill Cornell in the coming years and why I am qualified to best serve as Student Overseer. Please take the opportunity to see more of my platform at haseltineforcornell.wordpress.com

Ideas and Qualifications

Curriculum Restructure

Broad changes that are already under consideration for the medical curriculum will likely be phased in over the coming years. Shortening of the basic science and clinical years will allow students to “specialize” in an area of interest such as public health. After speaking with students and administrators, I have a well-informed perspective and will work to involve students in providing feedback on specifics of the plan such as determining which specialization options are of particular interest.

The graduate curriculum stands to benefit from the implementation of coursework on topics such as grant writing and figure generation, which address the business of acting as a research scientist. It will be important to involve students in the development of any curricular additions to maximize benefit.

Tuition Reform

Mounting debt is a nation-wide problem at medical colleges and Cornell is no different, with tuition outpacing inflation. I have put a good deal of thought and effort into researching tuition and believe that if we can think of creative solutions as a school, we will be able to address a growing concern and help students pursue career options in an unhindered way.

Research Grant Assistance

Dean Glimcher recently established the Office of Faculty Development, one of the purposes of which is to assist faculty with grant and manuscript writing. As overseer, I would advocate that this office also serve to assist graduate and medical students seeking guidance on grant and fellowship applications. This resource will help provide students with the tools needed to maximize the success of their research.

Qatar IMG Status

While students from Qatar are likely to remain classified as International Medical Graduates due to LCME policy, progress needs to be made in gaining exemption from the NY State 12-week rule and allowing WCMC-Q students to rotate at other American medical colleges.

What makes an overseer?

It will be imperative for any overseer to be well grounded in the student population, have good ideas and the ability to further cultivate them with the student body, maintain a good rapport with administrators, and effectively assimilate the student perspective into a compelling view that can effect tangible change. I believe that I possess these attributes and am well suited to fulfill the role of overseer.