

A Message from Dean Toni M. Ganzel re: Good News from the LCME
Sent to all UofL School of Medicine faculty, staff, and students
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Dear Colleagues:

Before people start to recharge via summer vacations and time away from the School, I wanted to provide you with an update on one of the items that has been most pressing for all of us – our status with the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), our accrediting body for undergraduate medical education.

During the past 18 months, a tremendous amount of work has gone into enhancing the educational experience of our medical students. Many of you have been involved in this effort as we have undergone a transformational change in everything from our governance and organizational structure to our facilities and curriculum.

We just completed our focused site visit by a team of reviewers. They particularly noted the new leadership team we have put into place; the institutional investments made in facilities, technology and infrastructure; the development of an integrated, centrally managed curriculum; the engagement of the faculty and students; the increased student scholarship efforts; the clear commitment to a diverse and inclusive environment; and the strong relationship with the KentuckyOne Health leadership in supporting the educational mission.

The formal written exit statement by the Ad Hoc site visit team supports compliance or compliance with monitoring for all standards of concern. We will receive the full site visit report by June 30 with an opportunity to make comments and/or correct any factual errors, if there are any. In October, the full LCME Committee will review the report and make a final decision on compliance for each of the standards of concern as well as vote on the status of accreditation. We are very optimistic that the probationary status will be lifted.

I cannot tell you how proud I am of the way everyone within the School has responded to this situation and taken it as an opportunity for us to become an

even better educational institution. The challenge of our work continues as part of ongoing quality improvement.

Thank you for the extraordinary effort you have put forward so that we can have such a positive outcome!

Enjoy your summer and I will continue to keep you updated.

Thanks,
Toni