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President's Letter

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**MEDICAL SCHOOL
EXPANSION IN THE
OKANAGAN**

While the province's fourth medical school was promised this week as part of the Liberal election campaign, funding for Clinical Faculty to provide teaching for current students remains inadequate. There will be a Clinical Faculty report at the **Faculty of Medicine meeting May 11 2005, 5.00 pm at the Life Sciences Centre 3, Point Grey Campus**. What has happened to the motion requiring the Full Faculty of Medicine approve the expansion budget? Will the Faculty of Medicine disclose the budget for the current expansion? *Clinical Faculty are encouraged to attend to find out what has been done to secure funding for clinical teaching.*

**Negotiations with
Faculty of Medicine**

One meeting was held in March with the Special Advisor to the Dean for Clinical Faculty Affairs. There has been no response to our letter following this or to a request for a subsequent meeting. *It appears that FoM is interested only in imposing working conditions on Clinical Faculty without discussion.*

**Residents reassigned
following Kelowna
Emergency Physicians
request for fair deal.**

The Emergency Physicians in Kelowna have had Residents reassigned to other Emergency Departments since their request for appointment based on the 2001 A/O letter. Their request was for equivalent terms and conditions of other Emergency Departments in Vancouver. As yet there has been no response from other emergency departments that must now accept residents without fair compensation

**Clinical Faculty
expected to teach
without terms and
conditions: continue
submitting invoices!**

Letters circulated by the Faculty of Medicine to members of the Clinical Faculty Affairs Committee state that current A/O letters remain in force but that when they expire, they expect Clinical Faculty to continue to teach without terms and conditions until UBC develops new ones. *UCFA recommends that Clinical Faculty continue to teach only under the terms of the negotiated 2001 A/O letter and that they continue to submit invoices for teaching until such time as UCFA is consulted and approve of new ones.*

**Board members
presenting at Medical
Staff and Society
meetings around the
province**

Members of your Board have presented at Medical Staff and Society meetings in Surrey, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Richmond and Nanaimo. The message "Successful Clinical Teaching" has been well received. UCFA believes it is essential to expand the Medical School and that teaching should be distributed around the province. Since the majority of clinical teaching will be performed by Clinical Faculty, to be sustainable, there must be sufficient funds and clear negotiated terms and conditions for Clinical Faculty. *UCFA recommends that Clinicians decline new teaching assignments without UCFA approved terms and conditions. UCFA is currently developing sample letters of acceptance for Clinical Faculty – check the web site soon.*

**UBC is approaching
Regional Health
Authorities to increase
number of teaching
sites.**

UBC continues to negotiate with Regional Health Authorities to increase the teaching sites around the province. These negotiations are being undertaken with limited representation from practicing physicians and will almost certainly impact on patient care and clinicians' time. *Beware attempts to tie hospital privileges to Clinical Faculty appointments.* UCFA is working with the BCMA to monitor changes to hospital bylaws. *Please contact your BCMA representatives and UCFA if you are concerned about bylaw changes in your hospital which may link privileges to teaching.*