The AAMC held its regional meeting in San Diego, Ca this past month. Tulane had two students, Thomas Edwards and Tristan Juhan, present posters. One of the major topics of discussion was the ERAS application process, namely, the time and monetary constraints it placed on students applying to large numbers of programs. Moving forward the AAMC-OSR strives to lessen the burden this places on students. Locally, Tristan Juhan the T3 OSR representative and Dr. Charkraborti have been working to further improve the Career Advising Program. To date Dr. Chakraborti has met with almost all rising T3 students individually to discuss career planning. We are very excited about this progress and have many more additions planned to add to the program. Thank you to all who participated and we welcome any and all feedback regarding this project or any other project you would like to initiate.
**Class Updates:**

**T1 OWL Update**

The T1 Owl Club reps have continued to work with the course directors on the new integrated systems-based schedule. The professors are laying out all 21 weeks of the integrated blocks and looking at ways to address the feedback we gave them. We are working with them closely to make sure that they are addressing our concerns and that the changes are reasonable for next year's class. We are also putting on the Annual Owl Club Awards Banquet on May 9th to celebrate our instructors' successes. Finally, we are working to revamp the T1 Resources list on the Owl Club website for the incoming T1s for new study strategies for the integrated block curriculum and will be holding a "Surviving T1 Year" session during their orientation.

**HEALX OWL Update**

The 2017 HEALX Owl club rep is working with the OME and module directors to address class feedback to further improve and streamline HEALX student medical training. We have discussed providing new incoming HEALX students with information on important medical student study skills and strategies demonstrated to improve performance and retention. We hope that this will aid students in honing their study skills and developing strategies to make their transition more seamless. Working with the module directors we are also trying to strike a balance between class time usage for assessing important and troublesome concepts and independent adult learning.

The 2016 HEALX students have joined with the traditional students for clinical clerkships.

**T2 OWL Update**

The T2s have been working hard these past few months to prepare for Step 1. They are all looking forward to completing the exam and moving on to begin clinical clerkships. The new Owl Club representatives are eager to serve as a liaison between our classmates and the clerkships, and to help make each rotation the best it can be. The Owl Club reps have met to review both the Surgery and Ob/Gyn Clerkships with members of the deans office and office of medical education. Owl Club student feedback was well received; both courses were enthusiastic about implementing student feedback-driven changes. Owl Club will continue to participate in OME clerkship reviews throughout the year.

**T3/4 OWL Update**

As we begin our last year, many of the T4s are already off and running with Sub-Is, away rotations, and electives. The T4 Owl Club representatives have been meeting with clerkship directors and the newly appointed T3 representatives to ensure a smooth transition for the class of 2016 as they begin rotations. We also worked in conjunction with the Gold Foundation for Humanism to improve third year orientation and to provide more practical information to students. As the T3 reps get acquainted with the rotations process, we encourage anyone to contact us with questions and concerns. We also plan to update the Owl Club website with more accessible information about aways and electives.