Accreditation Status of the COM-P

TO: UA College of Medicine - Tucson Students, Faculty, Residents and Staff

As you may have heard, there has been recent interest in the accreditation status of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix (COM-P). Rest assured, the COM-P remains accredited. Although the LCME found deficiencies related to four of 120 accreditation standards, the COM-P, together with the University of Arizona (UA) and Banner Health leadership, are certain these will be addressed in time to submit an action plan by Dec. 1. We support the decision of the UA and Banner Health leadership to make full accreditation for the COM-P a top priority and commit whatever assistance is required, if any.

To be clear, our COM-T program’s LCME accreditation status is unaffected; in 2014, the LCME continued our accreditation for the full 8-year term. Furthermore, we assure you that we have the appropriate administrators and systems in place to carefully monitor our compliance with the accreditation standards and make appropriate adjustments, as necessary.

We look forward to the UA and Banner Health successfully resolving any LCME issues, and for the COM-P to advance from preliminary to provisional status, the next step toward full accreditation. (For more information, please see Process for Obtaining LCME Accreditation diagram.) Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (cairns@medadmin.arizona.edu), or our Deputy Dean for Education Dr. Kevin Moynahan (Moynahan@medadmin.arizona.edu).

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