Pre-Pharmacy Lecture Series Michael DeYoung Notes Assistant Dean of Pharmacy Roseman University November 15, 2012

Attendance: 12

I. About Roseman University

- A. Private school. Cost of tuition and fees is approximately \$45,000/year. Some scholarships are available and are based upon applicants essay discussing service to the community, service to the field of pharmacy and service to Roseman U.
- B. Nevada school was first implemented in 1991 and was names University of Southern Nevada.
- C. Expanded to South Jordan in 2007.
- D. The pharmacy school is accredited and the University is seeking accreditation.
- E. See their website at http://www.roseman.edu/node/42.

II. Program Description:

- A. Features a 3 year program with classes held almost year around (6 week break in the summer, unless summer make up classes are required)
- B. Classes meet M-F 8 a.m. 3 p.m. and operate on a block system.
- C. The block system is one in which students learn one subject matter at a time. It is believed this gives teachers more flexibility in working to meet their students needs. Quality education (rather than research) is a high priority of this school.
- D. Exams are held every other Friday. Students must show adequate competency in each subject by passing each exam with a 90% score or better. If a student fails to achieve this score they get a second chance the following Monday. If the score is still not achieved they get one more chance during the 6 week break in the summer.
- E. All classes are either pass or fail No letter grades are assigned.
- F. Like most pharmacy schools, the curriculum is very challenging and requires good time management.

III. Admissions and Retention:

- A. Admissions is handled by applying through PharmCAS.
- B. Class size: Nevada site = 145 students/class, Utah site = 115 students/class
- C. The curriculum for both sites will be exactly the same.
- D. One application will be sufficient for both schools.
- E. The pharmacy school has a 5% attrition rate (students not completing the program).
- F. Over 90% of graduating students pass the state board exams.

- G. Candidates are ranked on their cumulative GPA, their science GPA, their PCAT score and their interview. (Letters of recommendations are not required)
- H. Five of the eight required courses must be completed before application.
- I. Although a bachelors degree is not required, students having one will have an advantage over those that don't.
- J. Students from Utah or Nevada and those having completed a BS degree will receive a small preference for acceptance.
- K. Interviewers are more concerned about what candidates have learned from their experiences than the duration or nature of their experiences.