**Meeting Minutes 10/7**

Marquette Admission Presentation by Brain Trecek:

* Marquette is a private school- have to get 50% of their class from somewhere besides the state of Wisconsin🡪 better chances to get in
* Don’t mess up GPA freshman year
  + #1 reason people don’t get in is because one ruined the GPA during freshman/sophomore year
* Marquette wants to steal elite students out of their in-state school
* Juniors- apply to Marquette
  + It’s close and you’re not at a disadvantage to apply to it because they take half their class from out of state
* Only 66 dental schools in US
* If can’t afford Marquette and want to go to UIC instead- think about how much studio apartments are at UIC (more $) rather than an apartment in Wisconsin (less $)- the sum of each school+ living comes up pretty equal
* Ask a dentist that graduated 3 years ago for information not a dentist that graduated too long ago because information will be more relevant to you
* Marquette is a private school🡪 they can take anyone they want and be as selective as they want
* Last year was first year in 21 years where applications to Dental school was down 4% but for Marquette, it went up 9%.
* Most applications to Marquette come from Illinois residents instead of Wisconsin residents
* Students need to figure out where they want to go and why🡪 important for interview
* Average number of schools applied to by an average pre-dental undergrad is 10 schools
  + Applying to too many schools looks desperate
  + Applying to too little may be risky
* Odds are best at an out of state private school than at a public in school state because they want to take out of state students
* It is projected that the number of women in dental school is going to keep increasing
  + D1 Marquette pool is 60% female
* Average GPA is ~ 3.4 + to get into dental school
* Average DAT score is ~20
* Upward trends of GPA are better than downward trends of GPA
* Marquette interviews 2x as many people as they think they need to offer to fill the class
  + They matriculate 100 students
  + Not everyone that’s in dental school gets an offer of admission December 1st
  + They want people to fall in love with Marquette early
  + Do about 256 interviews no matter how many out of state applications they get
* Just to get an interview is huge accomplishment
  + Interviewing at multiple schools is an even better accomplishment
* Juniors- when you apply, apply early. The time you have your entire application ready is super important
  + The earlier the application in is the better
* Offers start December 1st but goes all the way into the late spring semester
* Important things the admissions committees look at when considering applicants
  + Grades
    - Taking classes at community college matter🡪 try not to
    - How many credits did you take a semester matter 🡪 more= better
    - Which classes you took with each other matter🡪 more science classes together is harder than a few with general education classes
  + DAT
  + Grades are a little more important than DAT because they look at trend of performance
  + Why do you want to be a dentist?
    - Gives committees courage to allow people with lower grades in because passion is so important
  + Background/Character
    - Extracurricular
    - Have an enriched role in a club
* Interviews at school are nicer than at a hotel because applicants get to see the environment of the school and can even ask students questions
* Marquette has early clinic exposure- unlike many other schools
  + Students will be better clinically prepared after 4 years with more exposure to the clinic
* Do I need a big research background to get into Marquette?
  + No but for other schools they really do want a strong background in research (UIC)
  + Research does happen at Marquette but it’s more of a clinical school
* There’s 4 graduate specialties at Marquette
  + Orthodontics, Endodontics, Prosthodontics, Periodontics
  + Also have pediatric dentistry, advanced care and surgical services
* Don’t let a dental school tell you can’t be a strong specialist if you go to a strong clinical school
* Rural Outreach in Wisconsin
  + Exposes students to people who don’t go to the dentist because they don’t have money, no transportation, no insurance
  + There are places designated only for students who are in rotations for dental school where they can practice on real patients
* Marquette has an instate and out of state tuition unlike many private schools who only have one tuition
* 37% of nonresident students in all of Marquette (D1-D4) are from Illinois
* How diverse is Marquette dental school?
  + 18% are underrepresented