PROPOSAL FOR EXPANSION OF UCSD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS SIZE
For more than 20 years, the size of the entering UCSD School of Medicine class has been capped by the state at 122 positions. The pool of exceptionally well qualified applicants to UCSD School of Medicine continues to grow.
3,018 primary applications for class entering in 2005 (6% increase over 2004)
2,255 secondary applications for class entering in 2005 (11% increase over 2004)
627 interviews granted for class entering in 2005 (9% increase over 2004)
HISTORY OF UCSD SOM
ENROLLMENT (cont.)

For class entering in 2005:

Total Grade Point Average 3.73
Science Grade Point Average 3.77

MCAT

Verbal 10.18
Physical sciences 11.29
Biological sciences 11.49
Writing sample 11.06 (Q)
NEED FOR EXPANSION

California will face a shortfall of 17,000 physicians (15.9% shortage) by 2015 due to population growth, aging of the physician workforce, and capitation of growth in school of medicine class size for UC.
NEED FOR EXPANSION (cont.)

The 2005 University of California Health Sciences Committee Report on Workforce Needs & Enrollment Planning recommended the following:

Increasing the total UC medical student enrollment by 10% (65 students systemwide)
NEED FOR EXPANSION (cont.)

Initiate planning immediately for comprehensive new medical education programs

Increase diversity and cultural and linguistic competency within the physician workforce

Expand efforts to address the needs of California’s underserved groups and communities
PROBLEM

Given the state budgetary climate, only programs expected to serve the underserved populations of California stand a chance of approval.
ADVENT OF “PRIME”

Each Program in Medical Education (PRIME) will focus on preparing medical students to serve the underserved by creating a curriculum track focused on an underserved-population need, by expanding the class size by 10% to accommodate this track, and by offering a fifth year of training leading to a master’s degree (e.g. MPH, MBA, MS, MAS).

(“Brain-Child” of UC Vice President Michael Drake)
UC PRIME PROGRAMS

PRIME-LC (UCI – Latino Community) (now “reality”)
PRIME-US (UCSF – Urban UnderServed)
PRIME-RC (UCD – Rural Care)
UCLA (with Drew University and UCR) – Rural and Underserved Population (to be named)
UCSD PRIME-HEq

PRIME-HEq (Health Equity):

MISSION:

Developing leaders to eliminate health disparities in their communities, our nation, and the world
UCSD PRIME-HEEq

PRIME-HEEq (Health Equity):

GOALS:

To increase the number of clinicians, research scientists, and advocates addressing minority health and health disparities

To create a diverse community of scholars that develop, transmit, and apply new knowledge in minority health and health disparities

To promote a multidisciplinary community/university partnership to eliminate health disparities
UCSD PRIME-HEEq

PRIME-HEEq (Health Equity):

HIGHLIGHTS:

A multidisciplinary approach to minority health and health disparities education

Utilization of existing opportunities to obtain a master’s degree emphasizing minority health and health disparities, tailored to student’s interest (MPH, MBA, MAS, MS)
UCSD PRIME-HEq

PRIME-HEq (Health Equity):

HIGHLIGHTS (cont.):

New elective courses: Minority Health & Disparities; Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods; and Research Ethics, all focused on health equity
UCSD PRIME-HEEq

PRIME-HEEq (Health Equity):

HIGHLIGHTS (cont.):

Assistance to students with coordination of independent study project and relevant research in minority health and health disparities

Use of existing electives emphasizing cultural and language studies
Collaborations with Native American Research Center for Health, County Health & Human Services, Council of Community Clinics, Hispanic Center of Excellence, SDSU, Border Health Education Network, etc.
ALTERNATE TRACK (4-YEAR PROGRAM)

“MD-PLUS” – A track in Health Disparities and Health Equity for the regular, four-year program
PREPARATION FOR PRIME PROGRAMS

History of PRIME-LC (UCI) Program:
(the first such program) (2004-)
California Endowment Planning Grant
UCI Program Support
UC State Budget Support (19900 Dollars)
Program Results Thus Far
Launching remaining PRIME programs (UCOP proposal):
California Endowment Planning Grants ($100,000/school) for One Year (2005-06)
Two schools prepare request for UC state budget support to launch program in 2007
Two schools (UCLA & one other) prepare request for UC state budget support to launch program in 2008
PROCESS FOR REQUESTING INCREASE IN SIZE OF CLASS

GROUPS:
Health Sciences Committee on Educational Policy (CEP)
Health Sciences Faculty Council
Health Sciences Executive Committee
UCSD Academic Senate
Liaison Committee on Medical Education

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS:
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences/Dean (SOM)
Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Chancellor
Today we seek your endorsement of this ambitious proposal to create PRIME-HEq (Program in Medical Education – Health Equity), which would represent the first increase in the UCSD medical school class size (10-12 students/year) in more than 20 years.
QUESTIONS