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Subject: Ethical problems in the COP

As many of you are aware, our College is being plagued by a number of what I would call ethical problems. I have received a number of reports in recent weeks on situations ranging from cheating in the classroom to sharing of controlled substances to illegal drug use among our student body. This is a cause for concern at many different levels. Most importantly, students could be jeopardizing their own health and well-being. Secondly, they could be risking their professional futures. Thirdly, they could be placing the lives of their patients at risk. And lastly, the reputation of the College, its ability to place student in IPPEs and APPEs, and the odds of our graduates landing the best jobs and residencies could be harmed if there is a public perception that our students are taking such "shortcuts" during their Pharm.D. programs.

I'm not sure what to do about this situation. Many students have come to me and shared their concern over the behavior of their classmates, but no one has been willing to identify those involved. I understand this reluctance, but it doesn't help us address the problems. What I want to offer is the chance to anonymously identify individuals whose behavior is a cause for concern. These anonymous tips could not be used to take disciplinary action against anyone, but what they would allow us to do is to talk with people who need to change their behavior. We might even be able to stop such behavior before an individual does something that jeopardizes his/her well-being and career.

To this end, I have designated locker #150 in Pharmacy South as the place where any student can drop off an anonymous note alerting us to problems, ethical or otherwise, of which the faculty and administration should be aware. I will plan on checking the locker once a week or so.

We all need to work together to make the College as strong as possible. If there is anything that I can do for you, please don't hesitate to stop by the office, drop me an e-mail, or even call me at home.

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