

Council of Faculty and Academic Societies

Committee Reporting Template

Committee:	Advocacy
Report Date:	November 17, 2018
Major Objectives:	We seek to foster bidirectional information exchange between the academic medical community and advocacy professionals at the AAMC. We work to keep the professional advocacy staff apprised of the realities “on the ground” in academic medical centers around the nation. In the reverse direction, we strive to educate and mobilize the academic medical community regarding the rapidly changing realities in government, including legislative and regulatory matters.
Potential Work Products or Milestones for Completion of Objectives, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools for faculty • Programming, meeting sessions /webinars • Thought papers, commentaries 	We have held periodic teleconferences with AAMC advocacy staff, inviting all interested to participate, focusing on advocacy topics. We have sponsored programming at the national meeting centered on the current state of affairs and how interested individuals can become educated and engaged with advocacy endeavors.
Specific actions requiring Administrative Board or AAMC leadership consideration:	
Committee Comments:	We face numerous challenges emerging from Washington that seek to undermine universal access to healthcare, support for biomedical research, and societal support for educating the next generations of healthcare providers. AAMC advocacy professionals do an outstanding job of tracking these rapidly emerging events and responding as needed. This is welcome and appropriate. A possible by-product, however, is that that AAMC volunteers interested in advocacy may be relegated to a role that is more observer than active participant. An optimal solution to this issue is not apparent.