



# University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center Alumni Foundation, USA, Inc.

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## AFUSA Chairman's Report 2nd half of 2025

### Looking Ahead to 2026

As we look ahead to 2026, we take this opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of UERM AFUSA during the final two quarters of 2025. These milestones reflect our continued commitment to transparency, compliance, and meaningful support for the UERM College of Medicine.

### Key Accomplishments

#### 2025 Breakfast Meeting – Las Vegas

UERM AFUSA successfully held its 2025 Breakfast Meeting at Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, in June. Alumni and guests gathered as AFUSA presented the programs it supports. The program featured a report from the Dean of the College of Medicine detailing how AFUSA funds were utilized. The newly updated AFUSA website was also officially launched during this event, with Web Editor Nikki Gavino-Collins presiding.

#### Charity Navigator Rating

We are proud to once again receive a **100% rating from Charity Navigator**, an independent, unpaid, and unbiased evaluator of more than 225,000 charities across the United States. This rating reflects AFUSA's strong performance in accountability, financial management, and transparency. Donors may contribute to UERM AFUSA with confidence.

#### Regulatory Compliance

AFUSA successfully filed its 2024 IRS Form 990 and the CHAR500 with the State of New York, maintaining full regulatory compliance.

#### Program Funding for the UERM College of Medicine

The Board approved the release of an additional \$11,800 to the UERM College of Medicine to support the Anna Lisa Merit Award for the top freshman (Class Number 1) and two Dr. Ida Tiongco-Sarmiento Scholars.

In 2025 alone, AFUSA released **nearly \$70,000** to the College to fund academic and student-support programs.

#### Trustees Liability Insurance

AFUSA renewed its Trustees Liability Insurance through Hudson Valley Agency Alliance, LLC.

#### Response to MAAAI Regarding the \$250,000 Inquiry

AFUSA issued an official response to MAAAI's inquiries dated November 2021 and April 2025 regarding the \$250,000 under question since 2007. The response was based on documented evidence and a careful review of available financial statements, all certified as accurate by AFUSA's official Certified Public Accountant.

In November 2025, MAAAI President Teri Pastor responded, expressing her organization's desire to put this matter behind us and move forward in the spirit of alumni unity.

### **Constitution and Bylaws Amendments**

The Board approved amendments to the AFUSA Constitution and Bylaws to ensure continued responsiveness to current needs. CBL Committee Chair Nards Buena and trustee Orson Battad did an excellent job of reviewing our constitution and submitting their recommendations to the Board. These amendments were successfully filed and approved by the New York Attorney General's Office via Form 401-A.

### **Strategic Planning Workshop**

The Board of Trustees held its 2025 Strategic Planning Workshop in Livonia, Michigan, in October. Trustees received training on key 501(c)(3) operational matters, including officer cross-training. AFUSA trustees remain committed to ongoing education to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations. Following the workshop, trustees also enjoyed the vibrant autumn scenery of Mackinac Island in Northern Michigan.

### **Investment and Asset Growth**

AFUSA is pleased to report that its investments with OLV Investments increased by **more than \$100,000** during the year. In 2025, we have also increased the number of donors to 83 from the previous year.

### **Formation of the Unused Donation Subcommittee**

AFUSA established the Unused Donation Subcommittee under the Budget Committee, chaired by Vice Chair Edna Solitario. The committee is tasked with recommending the optimal use of unused funds currently held in the UERM Treasury to further support AFUSA's existing programs.

### **AFUSA Hour During Homecoming 2026**

AFUSA's request for a dedicated AFUSA Hour during the February 2026 UERM Homecoming in the Philippines was approved. Scheduled for **February 10, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, this event will now be held annually to directly engage UERM medical students and faculty—the primary beneficiaries of AFUSA programs.

### **Approval of the 2026 Budget**

The Board approved the 2026 Budget Proposal with guidance from the Dean of the College of Medicine and Trustee Elwin Bustos, Chair of the Budget Committee.

### **Support for UERM Delegate to IFMSA**

The Board approved funding for third-year medical student **Cyrus Christian Lee**, who was selected to represent the Philippines at the **75th International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA) Assembly** in Copenhagen in March 2026. AFUSA will cover his registration, accommodations, meals, and airfare.

### **Trustee Recruitment**

AFUSA is actively recruiting additional trustees to serve the **2026–2028 term**.

**Submitted by: Rommel Aquino, MD'85 HDMC, DABFM**  
**Chairman, Board of Trustees, 2025-2027**