

September 10, 2007 Educational Policy Council Meeting
Carbondale: Lindegren 310/Springfield: Lincoln Conference Room

Present:

Peter T. Borgia, PhD
Erik J. Constance, MD
Susan T. Hingle, MD
Jodi Huggenvik, PhD
Sharon Hull, MD
Regina A. Kovach, MD
Jerry E. Kruse, MD, Chair
Tracy K. Lower, MD

Erica E. Nelson, MD, Vice Chair
David Rogers, MD
Gary Rull, MD
Sandra L. Shea, PhD
Ross Silverman, JD
Donald S. Torry, PhD
Reed G. Williams, PhD
Brandt Whitehurst, Class of 2010

Absent:

Kevin Dale, Class of 2009
Linda K. Herrold, MS
Debra L. Klamen, MD, MPHE
Pritesh Patel, Class of 2008

Guest:

Nicole Roberts, PhD

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

The minutes of the August 13, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Announcements

Nicole Roberts, PhD, announced the Upcoming Academy for Scholarship in Education presentations:

- Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Telehealth Conference Room (913/Rm1252)/ Lindegren 310. Dorothy Andriole and Heather Hageman from the Washington University School of Medicine. Topic will be Outcomes in Medical Education.
- Tuesday, October 23, 2007, Louis Pangaro, MD, FACP, COL (ret.) MC USA, Professor of Medicine, Vice-chairman for Educational Programs at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, MD. Grand Rounds on behalf of Internal Medicine in the Wedeberg Conference Room/Memorial Medical Center from 8-9 a.m. and again at 12-1 p.m. in Telehealth Conference Room/913 N. Rutledge/Rm. 1252-Lindegren 310. Students learning in the health care system in the topic of Evaluating Learners using RIME. Time for questions and comments will follow both presentations.
- Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Telehealth Conference Room (913/Rm1252)/ Lindegren 310. Tim McDonald from University of IL-Champaign. Topic will be Patient Safety.

The collaborative Masters Program with UIUC and SIUSOM has opened for enrollment. There have been about 30 inquiries so far. At least two people have applied. The enrollment will be open until October 1, 2007. The Program starts in January 2008.

Erik Constance, MD, informed the Council that USMLE is considering combining Steps 1 and 2CS. The combined exam would be administered following Year 3. This decision would impact the SIUSOM Class of 2012. Dr. Constance recommended that each Council member visit the website which lists the rationale behind their consideration.

http://www.usmle.org/General_Information/review.html

3. EHR Educational Coordinator (*Jerry Kruse, MD*)

Interviews for the EHR Educational Coordinator are ongoing. There are 11 candidates. The Committee will make a choice by September 13, 2007, and submit their recommendation to Dean Dorsey for hiring.

4. Grade Review Process (*Jerry Kruse, MD*)

The Grade Review Process policy was approved with the following change being made to the document. The word "days" is missing in Year 2, 4th paragraph, 4th sentence "...the student within 10 working days of the official recording"

Dr. Erik Constance would like the Council to review the Grade Review Process in one year to check how the process is going.

5. Curriculum Reports:

a. *Four-Year Doctoring Streamer (Gary Rull, MD)*

Dr. Gary Rull reported that due to a shortage of mentors in Year 2 they have implemented a new activity called Clinical Activity Mentors (CAMs) where the students will meet with small groups with select clinical faculty. This will allow the use of fewer mentors and also allow for standardized teaching of physical and history taking skills in Year 2. There was a concern among the EPC members that there is a great shortage of mentors for Learners at SIU. Chairman Kruse informed the Council that he sees this as a concern as well, and will discuss this issue with Dean Dorsey.

The Doctoring Committee also discussed family history taking and whether they should incorporate more details about genetics, and pedigrees, etc.

b. *Year 1 Curriculum Committee (Sandra Shea, PhD)*

Dr. Sandra Shea reported that Professional Responsibility Day was held in Carbondale, IL, on September 08, 2007, for first year Medical and Law and second year MedPrep students. The day was a great success with 14 physicians interested in helping. The feedback from the students was that the day was worth giving up a Saturday morning for.

The CRR Unit is running along. The Mid Unit is coming up at the end of the month. The students start the Gross Lab. The Curriculum is running mini cases. The SSB Unit which starts in November is gearing up.

The Year 1 Curriculum Committee will meet Tuesday, September 11, 2007, and will discuss remediation structure within Year 1. There has been some feeling that they need to come up with a more definite way to lay remediation out in advance instead of the last minute.

Dr. Shea indicated that over the summer she was contacted by several physicians new to the Carbondale area asking if they could help teach.

c. *Year 2 Curriculum Committee (Peter Borgia, PhD)*

Dr. Peter Borgia reported HII is in their third week and running smoothly. The first two weeks of Year 2 are introductory weeks to the basic sciences and doctoring. Last year there were student concerns about the Introduction to Immunology which happened in weeks 1 and 2 and Dr. Borgia indicated that they made some changes in this years Intro and he is not hearing any concerns from the students.

d. *Year 3 Curriculum Committee (Regina Kovach, MD)*

Dr. Regina Kovach reported that Year 3 is at the point where the first iteration of the long clerkships is coming to the end, and the second iteration short clerkships also are coming to an end.

Dr. Kovach reported at the last Year 3 Curriculum Committee meeting they discussed student transcripts. As it is now, if a student fails a clerkship as a result of not passing the NBME subject test, the student generally remediates the clerkship by retaking the NBME subject test and the official transcript has an S rather than S*. Students who fail a Clerkship and are required to complete additional clinic time of at least half the length of a clerkship as remediation, their transcripts reflect an S*. The Committee felt that the way things are now on the transcript for students who are only required to retake the NBME isn't completely honest because it doesn't reflect that there's been any type of remediation. They recognize that failure of the NBME subject test gets addressed in the Dean's letter, but it is the feeling of the Committee that the transcript should have an * after the S. The Year 3 Curriculum Committee will vote on this at the September meeting. Dr. Kovach asked if the Board of Trustees would have to vote of this issue. Dr. Constance indicated that this issue would have to go to the Executive Committee.

Year 3 appraisal is closed to students. Dr. Kovach informed the Council that 62 students responded.

The Year 3 Curriculum Committee discussed the end of clerkship feedback. This is feedback that students complete at the end of each clerkships separately. It includes items that each clerkships want answered for their particular clerkship plus a few common items. It had come to Dr. Kovach attention that the response rates for some clerkships were quite low.

e. *Year 4 Curriculum Committee (Tracy Lower, MD)*

Dr. Tracy Lower reported the Emergency Medicine Readiness electives has been developed, however, due to the timing, students were not able to change their schedules to sign up for this elective. Year 4 Curriculum Committee is going to form sub group to discuss development of Residency Readiness electives in other departments. The Year 4 Curriculum Committee also discussed the current Add/Drop policy and at this time, the policy will remain as is.

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Master Teacher Succession Planning

The Committee has been developing an Educational Interview Supplement that various Departments could use when interviewing faculty if they want to ask questions that the Committee thinks would be appropriate for getting Master Educators.

The Committee has been working with Nancy Zimmers, from Office of Public Affairs, to put together a brochure that can be given to prospective faculty members, that touts the educational assets of SIUSOM.

b. Future of Medical Education

Nicole Roberts, PhD, reported the Future of Medical Education Committee is looking at the graduation objectives to see if there are things that need to be changed. Dr. Jerry Kruse indicated that there were several major categories that the Committee was looking into. They were: 1) disruptive technologies; 2) the office of the future, and how care is delivered; 3) how education is obtained after graduation; 4) the social cultural trends affecting the future of medical education; 5) the effective information technology and simulation on education; 6) how politics, i.e., government and its behavior influence the health care system in the future; and 7) the changes in molecular biology and advances in basic science. Dr. Kruse indicated subcommittees have been formed to review each of these categories and reports are being prepared for presentation at EPC. The reports are being compared to the graduation objectives. John Bradley, Chairman of the Committee, will present a preliminary report at November's EPC meeting. The plan is for the EPC to give feedback regarding the direction the Committee should take at that time.

c. Patient Safety

This Patient Safety Committee has suspended further meetings due to being ahead in the planning process.

Dr. Constance recommended that each EPC member read the JAMA article regarding work hours not decreasing morbidity and mortality. He felt this was a very important patient safety issue.

d. Educational Applications of Electronic Health Records Task Force

No new items to report.

e. Pain Management

No new items to report.

f. Nutrition

Dr. Susan Hingle reported the Committee is in the process of trying to figure out what exists in the Curriculum currently. They will be doing background work before they make any recommendations. In addition to Nutrition, the Committee will also be focusing on Physical Activities.

7. Other Business

Brandt Whitehurst reported he has met with Linda Toth, DVM, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Affairs, to inquire about getting students more involved in research.

Dr. Erica Nelson announced that the CCX Committee is meeting tonight to finalize and make recommendations based on the exam. The students will start getting their grades tomorrow. The Committee will be presenting it to SPC next week with the results presented to the EPC next month. The remediation course runs from October 1, 2007, through October 25, 2007.

8. Next Educational Policy Council Meeting – October 8, 2007