

October 8, 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
Debra L. Klamen, MD, MPHE
Regina A. Kovach, MD
Jerry E. Kruse, MD, Chair
Tracy K. Lower, MD

Erica E. Nelson, MD, Vice Chair
Erin Schafer, Class of 2011
Sandra L. Shea, PhD
Ross Silverman, JD
Donald S. Torry, PhD
Brandt Whitehurst, Class of 2010

Guest:

Nicole Roberts, PhD

Absent:

Kevin Dale, Class of 2009
Linda K. Herrold, MS
Jodi Huggenvik, PhD
Sharon Hull, MD
Pritesh Patel, Class of 2008
David Rogers, MD
Gary Rull, MD
Reed G. Williams, PhD

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

The minutes of the September 10, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Announcements

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

- 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.
- Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Telehealth Conference Room (913/Rm 1252)/ Lindegren 310. Dean Naritoku, MD, Director for the Center for

Epilepsy, Director of the Office of Therapeutics Research. Topic will be "Integration of Basic and Clinical Science of Therapeutics into a Senior Medical School Curriculum".

- Friday, May 16, 2008, 9:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Lunch will be provided), SCLF Conference Room/Lindgren 310. Gregory Northcraft, PhD, Professor, Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations and Harry Gray Professor of Executive Leadership. Workshop will be Negotiations in Conflict Management.

Debra Klamen, MD, announced the new EHR Educational Coordinator is Teresa Waters, RN. Her start date will be October 22, 2007.

Jerry Kruse, MD, explained to Erin Schafer, Class of 2011 representative, a short overview of the position of the new EHR Education Coordinator, and requested she bring any issues students have with educational policy for discussion to the EPC meetings.

3. Curriculum Reports:

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

Gary Rull was not present to make a report.

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

Sandra Shea, MD, reported students have completed the CRR mid-unit exam and grades were distributed last week. Overall the students are in good shape for the second half of the Unit. The third draft of the SSB calendar is being reviewed.

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

Peter Borgia, PhD, reported the instruction period for the HII Unit is finished and students are testing this week.

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

Regina Kovach, MD, reported that at the last Year 3 Curriculum Committee (Y3CC) meeting, the committee welcomed Gary Myers, PhD, to the committee. Dr. Myers will be replacing Sharon Hull, MD.

There was a short discussion about ex-officio members and whether or not they have voting privileges. The Y3CC operating paper, which uses Roberts modified rules of conduct, explicitly states ex-officio members have non-voting privileges.

The Y3CC heard responses to curriculum feedback from Internal Medicine, Medical Humanities, and OBGyn.

The Y3CC heard from the Chair of the Neurology Department, Dr. Rodger Elble, MD, who felt strongly that any student who is interested in Neurology as a career should be able to take the clerkship during the Year 3 Option Period. Dr. Elble requested he be allowed to meet with students who are interested in Neurology to determine their placement in the Neurology Clerkship during the Year 3 Option Period. The Committee discussed the idea of preferential enrollment and while some of the members felt the currently lottery system should remain in place; others felt that from a career stand point, allowing students who were interested to have preference was OK. A motion was made that any student who is interested in

Neurology as a career should meet with Dr. Elble, MD, prior to the offering of the Clerkship in the third year, and if he finds them acceptable they will be awarded a spot ahead of the lottery. This new procedure will be reviewed in one year.

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

Tracy Lower, MD, reported that at the last Year 4 Curriculum Committee (Y4CC) a discussion was held regarding preferential enrollment. The Y4CC decided not to change the current Year 4 enrollment process.

The Committee welcomed Rob Abrams, MD. He will be replacing Erica Nelson, MD, as the OB/GYN electives coordinator. Dr. Nelson will remain on the Committee as CCX Chair.

There was a short discussion about ex-officio members and whether or not they have voting privileges. The Y4CC operating paper, which uses Roberts modified rules of conduct, explicitly states ex-officio members have non-voting privileges. The Y4CC Agenda will be updated to identify Ex-officio members for clarification purposes.

Y4CC reviewed an article describing an integrative clinical experience in 4th year and the Committee also had a discussion regarding the proposal of combining USMLE Steps 1 and 2.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a. Master Teacher Succession Planning

No new business to report.

b. Future of Medical Education

The Committee will have a report for the EPC in December 2007.

c. Patient Safety

No report.

d. Nutrition

No report.

5. USMLE Potential Combination of Steps 1 and 2 (*Jerry Kruse, MD*)

Jerry Kruse, MD, had asked EPC members to review USMLE's website prior to the meeting to discuss potential combination of Steps 1 and 2. Dr. Kruse read the following from the website to the EPC Committee.

Since it was first designed nearly two decades ago, there has been no in-depth review of the entire USMLE program to ensure that the overall design, structure, and format of USMLE is effectively meeting the needs of primary and secondary users. They established a committee to evaluate the USMLE Program (CEUP). CEUP began its work in late 2006. Major themes emerging in this process thus far include the following:

1. There is a strong sense that the licensure examination program should be more explicitly designed to support decisions at two points.
2. At the time they enter post graduate training, doctors must have minimum competency in basic clinical knowledge and the skills necessary to safely care for patients.
3. From both a licensing and an educational perspective, the separate design and administration of an examination of the basic sciences seems to create an artificial separation of basic and clinical sciences.
4. The current Step 1 component of the USMLE is used by many medical schools to support promotion or graduation decisions. If the USMLE is redesigned in a manner that eliminates Step 1 in its current form, then NBME should be prepared to provide similar valid, reliable, and secure assessment tools to schools that still wish to use them.
5. There are conflicting opinions on the value of numeric versus pass/fail reporting for both the primary and secondary uses of USMLE.

The timeline for final recommendation from the CEUP Committee would be January 2008. It would have to go through various boards and governing agencies which would meet in the spring of 2009. The earliest the exam would change would be 2010.

The two main concerns from EPC members were, what will happen to the curriculum, and if passing this exam will be a graduation requirement.

Dr. Kruse asked the Curriculum Directors to discuss this issue with their Committee's and bring concerns back to the EPC. He also asked Brandt Whitehurst to ask fellow students their concerns and report back to the EPC. It was suggested faculty should attend the 2007 AAMC meeting, and any SIU student attending should attend the Organization of Student Representatives meetings, and bring up these issues. The issue will be brought back to the December meeting of the EPC.

6. Next Educational Policy Council Meeting – December 10, 2007