

## **January 10, 2005 Educational Policy Council Meeting Carbondale: Lindegren 310/Springfield: Lincoln Conference Room**

### **Present:**

Peter T. Borgia, PhD	Christopher McDowell, Class of 2005
Erik J. Constance, MD	Amber Passini, Class of 2006
Phillip V. Davis, PhD	Pritesh Patel, Class of 2008
George A. Dunaway, PhD	David Rogers, MD
Susan T. Hingle, MD	Gary Rull, MD
Debra L. Klamen, MD, MPHE	Sandra L. Shea, PhD
Regina A. Kovach, MD	Jason Stone, Class of 2007
Tracy K. Lower, MD	Donald S. Torry, PhD Reed G. Williams, PhD

### **Absent:**

Linda K. Herrold, MS	Erica E. Nelson, MD, Vice Chair
Jerry E. Kruse, MD, Chair	

### **Guest:**

Connie J. Poole, MSLS

## **Discussion Items**

### **1. Minutes**

Dr. Dunaway made a motion, seconded by Dr. Torry, to approve the December EPC minutes.

### **2. Announcements**

Dr. Borgia chaired the meeting in the absence of Dr. Kruse and Dr. Nelson.

2007 Dr. Klamen announced that the Associate Deans had met with the Dean and begun formal planning for the January 2006 site visit.

### **3. Year 3/Year 4 Calendar Task Force Recommendations**

Dr. Borgia reminded EPC members that the Year 3/Year 4 Calendar Task Force Recommendations had been approved in principle at the November EPC meeting. At the Year 3 Curriculum Committee December meeting, a motion was made and passed to move the Elective/Vacation scheduled for weeks 27 and 28 be moved to weeks 39 and 40. This change reduces the amount of "down time" in Surgery and Medicine from eight weeks to six weeks, provides a better timeslot for Doctoring's Physician-Patient Relationship Course, and provides a four-week block in which half of the students could take their Neurology Clerkship, which will reduce scheduling problems for students in the fourth year. It was noted by several members that the schedule allows less possibility for vacation time for students, but would potentially help students to meet professional/career goals. It was suggested that the calendar continue to be evaluated as the year progresses to determine whether the Neurology Clerkship location and length is workable. Dr. Rogers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, that Year 3/Year 4 Proposal 2 and the Proposal for Year 4 should be approved as the curriculum for the 2005-2006 academic year. The motion passed with eight in favor, two opposed, and one abstention.

### **4. Objectives for Commencement**

Dr. Borgia reported that Dr. Davis, Dr. Kruse, and Dr. Nelson had been reviewing the SIUSOM Objectives for Graduation in an effort to make changes recommended at the 2004 EPC Retreat. In the meantime, there has been much discussion as to whether Appendix A of the objectives should be revised or replaced with a different organizational structure such as the University of Calgary's Clinical Presentation List. This will be a major discussion item at the EPC Retreat.

### **5. Curriculum Reports:**

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

Dr. Davis reported that the Year 4 Doctoring Course on the Society, Law, and Healthcare is in progress and appears to be going well.

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

Dr. Shea reported that students are continuing in the Sensorimotor Systems and Behavior Unit and that the

curriculum appears to be running smoothly. The Year 1 Curriculum Committee is preparing for the Endocrine, Reproduction, Gastrointestinal (ERG) Unit, which will begin in March and has had several discussions regarding what tutor group size provides the best learning experience for students and faculty.

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

Dr. Borgia reported that Year 2 was progressing smoothly and that students had completed the Cardiovascular, Renal, Respiratory (CRR) Exam and had begun the Neuromuscular Behavior (NMB) Unit. He added that Year 2 students and faculty were also investigating alternatives for the tutor group process in Year 2. A plan is underway to use Year 4 students as tutors, under the supervision of faculty. He added that he and Dr. Klamen are also preparing for the arrival of seven Japanese exchange students who will be visiting SIUSOM for about seven weeks during the ERG Unit. The students will form an additional tutor group for the unit but will also observe other tutor groups and participate in other curricular activities.

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

Dr. Kovach reported that the Year 3 Curriculum Committee continued to discuss clerkship responses to Class of 2005 student feedback. The Committee also reviewed data from the CCX Exam for the Class of 2005 and the recommendations of the Year 3/Year 4 Calendar Task Force were discussed, resulting in a motion to recommend a change in the location of Year 3 Doctoring from weeks 29 and 30 to 27 and 28, and the location of one of the two-week vacation/elective periods from weeks 28 and 29 to weeks 39 and 40. This creates a four-week vacation/elective block for half of the class, which will allow students who choose to do so to take the four-week Neurology Clerkship in Year 3, rather than waiting until Year 4. Students will not, however, be allowed to take four-week electives during this period, since only half of the class has the four-week block. All students will be limited to one or two-week electives designated as appropriate for Year 3 students.

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

Dr. Lower reported that the Year 4 Curriculum Committee had not met since the last report to the EPC.

## **6. Subcommittee/Task Force Reports**

### **6.1. Problem-Based Learning Module (PBLM) Subcommittee (Debra L. Klamen, MD, MHPE)**

Dr. Klamen reported that the subcommittee is currently reviewing PBLMs for ERG for Y1 and Y2 and that she appreciated faculty participation in this process.

### **6.2. Program Evaluation Subcommittee (Reed Williams, PhD)**

Dr. Williams reported that logistics continue to be a major issue for the subcommittee, and that a small group is working on a proposal for the full subcommittee.

### **6.3. Educational Applications of Electronic Medical Records Task Force (David S. Resch, MD)**

Dr. Borgia reported that the first meeting of the group would be in mid-February.

## **7. EPC Retreat: January 24, 2005**

Dr. Kruse reported that the EPC Retreat had been set for Monday, January 24, from 7:30 am to 4 pm. There are four major agenda items:

- 1) COGME Recommendations (Increasing Class Size)
- 2) LCME Accreditation Standard ED-2
- 3) SIUSOM Objectives for Commencement
- 4) Increasing Teaching Efficiency

Reading materials will be distributed in early January. He added that, for the Teaching Efficiency discussion, a review of the EVU Task Force recommendations and Contact hours in Years 1 and 2 reports provided by Dr. Shea and Dr. Borgia might be of interest.

## **8. Next Educational Policy Council Meeting – February 14, 2005**