

April 9, 2007 Educational Policy Council Meeting
Carbondale: Lindegren 310/Springfield: Lincoln Conference Room

Present:

Peter T. Borgia, PhD
Erik J. Constance, MD
Linda K. Herrold, MS
Susan T. Hingle, MD
Jodi Huggenvik, PhD
Debra L. Klamen, MD, MPHE
Jerry E. Kruse, MD, Chair
Pritesh Patel, Class of 2008

David Rogers, MD
Gary Rull, MD
Sandra L. Shea, PhD
Steven Verhulst, PhD
Brandt Whitehurst, Class of 2010
Reed G. Williams, PhD

Absent:

Kevin Dale, Class of 2009
Sharon Hull, MD
Regina A. Kovach, MD
Tracy K. Lower, MD
Erica E. Nelson, MD, Vice Chair
Jason Stone, Class of 2007

Donald S. Torry, PhD

Guest:

Gary Myers, PhD (proxy for Sharon Hull)
Nicole Roberts, PhD

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

The minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Announcements

Dr. Klamen announced the Upcoming Academy for Scholarship in Education presentations:

- Wednesday, April 25, 12:00-1:00. *Situational Leadership*: Jim Bente, VP for Quality and Organizational development, MMC. Dirksen Conference Room and Lindegren 310.
- Tuesday, May 15, 8:00-9:00. Leslie Smith, MD, SIU-Surgery. Topic/location to be announced
- Wednesday, May 23, 2:00-4:00. *Reflections on Teaching*: Jim Daniels, MD, Michael Neumeister, MD, and Shirley McGlenn. Location to be announced. Light refreshments will be served

Dr. Susan Hingle announced the Department of Medicine received the Stemmler Grant. This is a 2 year grant funded through the NBME. The grant will be used to study objective structured system based interaction exams.

3. Summary of EPC Retreat (Jerry Kruse, MD)

Dr. Kruse requested the committee review his EPC Retreat Summary document and provide any input as necessary.

4. USMLE Step 1 – Updated and Value Added Graphs (Jerry Kruse, MD)

The committee reviewed and discussed the updated USMLE Data and value added graphs. Dr. Kruse distributed a handout on the comparison of USMLE Step 1 to MCAT percentiles for the committees' information. Dr. Constance advised the committee effective January 1, 2007 the USMLE Step 1 pass rate is now 188 (from 185).

5. Appeals Policies Review (Jerry Kruse, MD)

Dr. Kruse distributed the current appeals policies for Years 1 through 4 for committee review. Dr. Rogers expressed concern that the SPC should not be reviewing student appeals of grades as the current SPC Operating Paper does not define this process. Dr. Constance suggested that an appeals policy should be in place for Year 1, Year 2, each individual clerkship, and Year 4 and the language should be standardized in each policy. Dr. Rogers requested the policies be reviewed by legal counsel to determine if a Department Chair should have final say or if there is additional University appeals process. Upon further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have each policy updated to remove all reference of the SPC and Drs. Kruse and Constance will meet with Legal Counsel to determine the relationship of EPC's policy to University Policy and whether or not a Department Chair can have the final say on student appeals. Committee vote was 7 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

6. Report on Early Concern Process (Erik Constance, MD)

Dr. Constance distributed a handout containing a summary of EPC discussions held to date regarding the Early Concern Process. Dr. Constance reminded the committee the Early Concern Process is a result of the Year Three Professionalism Task Force (Ted LeBlang, Regina Kovach, and himself). Dr. Constance expressed concern that the process is experiencing integration issues for the SPC. Dr. Rogers cited specific examples the SPC has recently dealt with regarding this matter. A thoughtful discussion ensued and the committee agreed a flow-chart should be created to give faculty and staff a visual aid to follow when completed the early concern notes. Drs. Klamen and Constance will develop a flow-chart and present it at a future EPC meeting.

7. Operating Papers

7.1. Year Two Operating Paper

Dr. Kruse advised the committee a motion is on the table to approve the Year Two Operating Paper and opened the floor for discussion. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Year Two Operating Paper. Vote was unanimous.

8. Curriculum Reports:

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

No new business to report.

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

Dr. Shea reported there are currently 7 approved MPEE applications and more than 30 students attended the CARE informational meeting. Dr. Shea announced that all 3 anatomy faculty members will be leaving the school of medicine. Y1CC is currently working to determine how the curriculum will be handled for the new academic year.

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

Dr. Borgia informed the committee Year 2 students have completed the Neuromuscular and Behavior Unit and are currently in week 5 of the Endocrine, Reproduction and Gastrointestinal (ERG) Unit.

8.4. Year 3 Curriculum Committee (Susan Hingle, MD)

Dr. Hingle reported the current Year 3 students are in their elective options periods and are either taking Y4 electives or are on vacation. Rising Year 3 students had their Year 3 Informational Planning meeting on April 4th. The Y3CC is working on Observation of Clinical Skills and will also be forming a subcommittee to look at establishing a "sign-out" procedure.

8.5. Year 4 Curriculum Committee (Tracy Lower, MD)

In Dr. Lower's absence, Cherie Forsyth read Dr. Lower's report informing the committee that the rising Year 4 had their orientation on March 21st. At the last Y4CC meeting the committee discussed the elective pathways and it's likely the pathways will be expanded to include additional pathways such as population health and emergency medicine.

9. Subcommittee Reports

9.1. Master Teacher Succession Planning

No new business to report.

9.2. Future of Medical Education

No new business to report.

9.3. Patient Safety

Subcommittee has been established and will meet every other week at 7am.

9.4. Educational Applications of Electronic Health Records Task Force

Dr. Kruse advised the committee an offer has been made and verbally accepted. The job description for this individual is being finalized.

9.5. Pain Management

Dr. Kruse advised the committee the Pain Management subcommittee is in the final development stage.

9.6. Nutrition

Dr. Kruse advised the committee the Nutrition subcommittee should begin meeting around the July/August/September timeframe.

10. Other Business

No other business to report.

11. Next Educational Policy Council Meeting – May 14, 2007