



## Year Three Curriculum Committee December 18, 2006 Minutes

### Present:

Regina Kovach, MD, Chair  
Peter Borgia, PhD  
Erik J. Constance, MD  
Susan Hingle, MD  
Debra Klamen, MD, MHPE  
Fran Kovach, MLIS  
Kenneth Kraudel, MD

Harald Lausen, DO  
Tracy Lower, MD  
Nancy McCann-Stone, MA  
Erica Nelson, MD  
Nicole Roberts, PhD  
Gary Rull, MD

### Absent:

Jeffrey Bradley, Class of 2007  
Joni Clark, MD  
Richard Embrey, MD  
Sharon Hull, MD, MPH\*  
Kent Morris, MD  
Robert J. Pary, MD\*  
Catherine Rapp, Class of 2008  
Sandra Shea, PhD  
Christine Todd, MD  
Bradon Wilhelmi, MD

### Guests:

Jean Afflerbach  
Cheryl Ashburn  
\*Staci Becker  
(proxy for Dr. Pary)

Margaret Boehler  
Wendy Edie  
Cherie Forsyth

Randy Robbs  
\*Ross Silverman  
(proxy for Dr. Hull)

## MINUTES

The December 18, 2006, meeting of the Year Three Curriculum Committee was called to order at 3:00 PM.

### 1.0 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the November 27, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### 2.0 Curriculum Reports

#### 2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Klamen stated that at the last EPC meeting she reported on her recent trip to Japan, and announced that the Aichi Medical University has offered to host SIUSOM visiting faculty, including the recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award. Other topics of discussion included the Operating Papers for Curriculum Committees, Subcommittee reports, results of the CCX, and the LCME Site Visit

#### 2.2 Departmental Reports

Several Clerkship Directors reported all was going well with no issues or concerns to share at this time. It was noted that clerkship students had been working diligently and they were appreciative of a break for the holidays.

Internal Medicine – Dr. Kovach reported that they are currently transitioning to Dr. Hingle's assumption of the position of Clerkship Director.

Psychiatry – In Dr. Pary's absence, Ms. Becker reported that they were planning an educational retreat in the spring.

Surgery – Ms. Boehler reported that with Dr. Wilhelmi's departure, Gary Dunnington, MD, would be serving as Interim Clerkship Director. Dr. Dunnington will be carefully reviewing the clerkship curriculum over the next few months.

#### 2.3 Doctoring Team Report

Dr. Rull reported that the Empathy 301 session had been held for one-half of the Class. The remaining students would have an opportunity to attend a similar session during January.

In Dr. Hull's absence, Mr. Silverman reported that the Doctoring Medical Humanities two-week segment had taken place the previous two weeks for the first one-half of the Class. He indicated that all had gone very smoothly and they were in the process of compiling the student feedback. The second iteration of this segment will begin in January.

## **2.4 Student Reports**

Neither of the student members was present at the meeting.

## **2.5 LCME Update**

Dr. Klamen reported that the final preparations for the Site Visit were continuing. She reminded the group of the presentation on January 9, 2007, "How to Survive the LCME Site Visit," and encouraged members to attend. Final schedules for the Visit were being drafted and distributed to participants.

Dr. Constance initiated a discussion on three related issues including Call Rooms, needle sticks, and career planning within the clerkships. There was a general consensus that the Call Room problems experienced previously have now been satisfactorily resolved with the additional accommodations.

Dr. Constance also stated that because of the relative increase in needle sticks among students, the Infection Control Committee has recommended that additional educational presentations be implemented. Clerkships agreed that further educational efforts for students focused on prevention and protocol were in order, and indicated that they will make this a high priority for their next rotation orientations. Dr. Kovach will send a reminder of this matter to the Clerkship Directors and encourage inclusion of this material on the clerkship websites. Dr. Constance asked that clerkships contact Infection Control (Ruth Ann Born, RN) to confirm these efforts are being effectuated.

In a brief discussion regarding formal presentations on career planning within specific disciplines, it was noted that these sessions have been implemented in the majority of clerkships. Because information gleaned from the Graduation Questionnaire suggests this may be an area for improvement, efforts will continue to include this initiative in all Clerkships.

## **3.0 Curriculum Issues**

### **3.1 Clerkship Performance Results (Randy Robbs, MA)**

Mr. Robbs provided detailed information regarding the performance of the Internal Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Family and Community Medicine, and Psychiatry Clerkships for the Class of 2007. Through graphic depictions, he illustrated means of the six clerkships in the areas of Overall Clerkship Rating, Clinical Performance, Knowledge and Clinical Reasoning, and Non-Cognitive Behaviors. Trends were illustrated as this Class was compared to results for the previous five years. Percentages of students receiving ratings of Honors, Excellent, Satisfactory, and Unsatisfactory were also depicted for the Class of 2002 through the Class of 2007. He also presented data for the eleven sub-categories: History and Physical Examination, Diagnosis and Patient Management, Technical and Procedural Skills, Communication Skills, Background Knowledge, Knowledge of Discipline Based on Performance, Knowledge of Discipline Based on Tests, Problem-Solving/Application of Knowledge, Self-Directed Learning, Interpersonal Relationships, and Motivation/Dependability/Responsibility).

Following the presentation, a brief discussion of these data ensued. Mr. Robbs stated that results for individual departments would be sent to the respective Clerkship Directors within the next several days.

Dr. Kovach thanked Mr. Robbs for his informative presentation and expressed appreciation on behalf of all clerkships for the meticulous records he has maintained over the last several years.

### **3.2 EHR at St. John's Hospital – Student Training**

Dr. Kovach reported that she had talked briefly with Lorie Carroll regarding the PDA software that some of the students have been using. She indicated that St. John's will not provide PDA's for the students, but they will download the software that will allow them to access the patient medical records within St. John's.

### **3.3 Discussion of Articles (Millennial Students)**

Dr. Roberts called the group's attention to the two articles that had been distributed previously in preparation for discussion: from the *American Journal of Medicine*, "Medical Professionalism and the Generation Gap," author, Lawrence G. Smith, MD; and from *Academic Medicine*, "Comparing Millennial and Generation X Medical Students at One Medical School," author, Nicole Borges, PhD, et al. She provided background information and initiated a lively discussion regarding the theories posited by the authors and the research findings.

The group explored the topic of generational differences and how variant characteristics might impact medical education in general, and SIU School of Medicine specifically, given the unique attributes of both the student population and the institution. The discussion summarized with a consensus that possessing knowledge of how societal mores have influenced student cohorts allows faculty to customize teaching methodologies to provide complementary learning experiences for that group.

Dr. Kovach thanked Dr. Roberts for the informative presentation. She encouraged other members to share similar articles of timely subjects at future meetings.

## **4.0 Announcements**

### **4.1 Academy for Scholarship in Education**

Dr Klamen reminded the group about the upcoming Faculty Development session and urged all to attend:

- Tuesday, January 9, 2007, 8:00–10:00 AM, Rm 1252, 913 / Lindegren 310; How to Survive the LCME Site Visit, Debra Klamen, MD, MHPE

### **4.2 Other Announcements**

Dr. Kovach informed the group that she would be taking a six-month Professional Development Leave of Absence with the goal of helping the School establish a simulation center. In her absence, Dr. Susan Hingle, Vice-Chair of the Curriculum Committee, will handle the duties of the Year Three Directorship.

## **5.0 Other**

### **5.1 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2007, in the Lincoln Conference Room and Lindegren 310. It was noted that this meeting date does conflict with the LCME Site Visit, so there is a possibility that it may be cancelled. If it is necessary to cancel the meeting, a notice will be sent in early January.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.