

Present:

Regina Kovach, MD
Erik J. Constance, MD
Aishah Covington (Class of 2009)
Richard Embrey, MD
Susan Hingle, MD
Debra Klamen, MD, MHPE
Fran Kovach, MLIS

Tracy Lower, MD
Nancy McCann-Stone, MA
Gary Myers, Ph
Erica Nelson, MD
Robert J. Pary, MD
Nicole Roberts, PhD
Sandra Shea, PhD

Absent:

Peter Borgia, PhD
Reginald Bulkley, MD
Joni Clark, MD
Gary Dunnington, MD
Robert Knudson, MD
Harald Lausen, DO
Gary Myers
Paul Phillips, MD (Class of 2006)
Catherine Rapp (Class of 2008)
Gary Rull, MD

Guests:

Cheryl Ashburn
Maggie Boehler (Proxy-Dunnington)
Christina Doerr (Proxy-Rapp)
Cherie Forsyth

Carolyn Holmes (Proxy-Clark)
Julie Robbs (Proxy-Lausen)
Brenda Yale

The October 22, 2007, Year Three Curriculum Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

1.0 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the September 24, 2007, meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2.0 Curriculum Reports

2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Klamen reported that discussions at the last EPC focused on the report presented by Dr. Kovach on Year Three issues. Additionally, Dr. Kruse reminded the committee that the USMLE is considering combining Steps 1 and 2 into a comprehensive exam. He asked that the members ponder what such a proposal would mean for the curriculum and stated that this topic will be one of discussion at future meetings. Dr. Klamen stated that a session on this matter is scheduled during the AAMC Annual Meeting next month, and urged those attending to try to participate if possible.

2.2 Departmental Reports

Several short clerkships reported they were now at the mid-point of the third rotation and all was going well.

Surgery and Internal Medicine reported having completed the mid-clerkship point and formative feedback is forthcoming to assist students in any areas identified as deficits.

2.3 Doctoring Team Report

In Dr. Rull's absence it was reported that the first iteration of the Y3 Geriatrics session was scheduled for one-half of the Class on Friday, November 16, 2007. This is part of the Aging Across the Curriculum initiative.

2.4 Student Reports

In Ms. Rapp's absence, Christina Doerr reported that all was going well with the Class of 2008. Ms. Covington reported that there were no problems at this time.

3.0 Curriculum Issues

3.1 Electronic Health Records (Training – Springfield Clinic)

Dr. Kovach informed the group that the Springfield Clinic had requested that students who are doing a preceptorship with their physicians, receive training on and access to their EHR, Allscripts' TouchWorks System. There was considerable discussion regarding the issue of students' limitations for inputting information into medical records..

3.2 Response to Student Feedback (FCM, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Surgery)

Dr. Kovach called the group's attention to the Report of Responses to Student Feedback that would be presented today by Drs. Lower, Pary, and Dunnington.

Pediatrics: Dr. Lower compared data gleaned from feedback over the past several years noting several areas that had shown significant improvement, most notably in the area of patient numbers and variety. Considerable efforts have been made to improve this area and the efforts have been fruitful. The overall rating for the Clerkship continues to hover around the 4.0 mark and category of constructive feedback has likewise improved. Faculty contact and constructive feedback have improved over the years and remain high. She noted that resident teaching was an area which presented a significant opportunity for improvement. She indicated that efforts to address this area continue as she works with the Program Director to add core topics to resident conferences and expand the Faculty Development Conferences participation.

Psychiatry: Dr. Pary compared the feedback results over the past two years with the Class of 2008 noting several areas of significant improvement. Included among the strengths students noted are faculty and residents as good, approachable teachers, friendly staff, organization, and good range of patient responsibilities. Some students commented that there was too much busy work with papers, and H&P requirements. While they had put a cap on the number of H&Ps for which a student would be responsible, Dr. Pary commented that doing H&Ps was a vital skill for physicians. One area that they will continue to monitor is the feedback on resource sessions. Working with faculty to improve their presentations would continue in response to concerns voiced. Overall, the feedback from students on the Psychiatry Clerkship shows significant improvement over the last two years. Efforts continue to monitor areas where improvements might be necessary and respond to students concerns.

Surgery: In Dr. Dunnington's absence, Ms. Boehler reported that among the strengths of the clerkship students noted organization, nurse instructors, and the enthusiasm for teaching displayed by faculty and residents. Concerns centered around the criteria for honors, lack of active participation in patient care, too much traveling between hospitals, and lack of study time. Among the changes made to address these issues include a schedule designed to give additional study time and students are assigned to one hospital during general surgery service. She indicated that they have also added a midterm SP experience used to give formative feedback regarding history and physical examination skills and patient interaction skills.

Dr. Kovach thanked the presenters for the insightful information, and reminded the group that the remaining clerkships, FCM and Neurology, will present at the November 26th Y3CC meeting.

3.3 Mission and Goals of Y3CC

Dr. Kovach reminded the group that although the Y3CC Mission and Goals statement had served as a guideline for this group, from time to time it is appropriate that this document be revisited to determine if changes were needed. She asked all members to review the content and provide input as to whether or not changes were needed. A note will be sent to members asking them to advise their opinion on the adequacy of the document and whether or not changes were needed. This issue will be discussed further at the November 26, 2007 Y3CC Meeting

4.0 Announcements

Dr. Kovach reminded the group of the sessions with Louis Pangaro, MD on October 23rd 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Dr. Roberts also remind the group of the November 13th presentation by Timothy McDonald, MD, JDDA, and December 12th presentation by Dean Naritoku, MD.

5.0 Other

5.1 Next Meeting – **Monday, November 26, 2007**, 3:00-4:30 PM
Springfield location: Lincoln Conference Room, 801 N. Rutledge
Carbondale location: Lindegren Conference Room 310

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.