

Present:

Regina Kovach, MD
Hossum AbdelSalam, MD
Peter Borgia, PhD
Erik J. Constance, MD
Aisha Covington (Class of 2009)
Susan Hingle, MD
Debra Klamen, MD, MHPE

Fran Kovach, MLIS
Harald Lausen, DO
Nancy McCann-Stone, MA
Gary Myers, PhD
Erica Nelson, MD
Nicole Roberts, PhD
Gary Rull, MD

Absent:

Reginald Bulkley, MD
Gary Dunnington, MD (Proxy)
Richard Embrey, MD
Robert Knudson, MD
Tracy Lower, MD
Robert J. Pary, MD
Paul Phillips, MD (Class of 2006)
Catherine Rapp (Class of 2008)
Sandra Shea, PhD

Guests:

Jean Afflerbach
Cheryl Ashburn
Staci Becker (Proxy-Pary)
Maggie Boehler (Proxy-Dunnington)
Cherie Forsyth

Ivajeane Mitchell
Julie Varns
Theresa Waters
Brenda Yale

MINUTES

The January 28, 2008, Year Three Curriculum Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

1.0 Review of Minutes

The minutes of the December 17, 2007, meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2.0 Curriculum Reports

2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Klamen reported that at the last EPC meeting considerable discussion focused on the upcoming Annual Retreat (Feb 4, 2008). She explained that much of the afternoon on February 4th would be devoted to discussion of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) and how it should be implemented to positively impact student education.

2.2 Departmental Reports

Several clerkships reported that all was going well; students were working diligently following the holiday break and Medical Humanities segments.

Obstetrics and Gynecology – Dr. Nelson reported that at a recent APGO meeting, the Ob/Gyn Clerkship had been named the APGO Website Award of Excellence. Dr. Kovach extended congratulations on this impressive accomplishment.

Neurology – Dr. AbdelSalam reported that students have been absent during the Neurology Clerkship rotations for 2-6 days for Residency Interviewing. A thoughtful discussion ensued regarding the need to balance attendance with the students' desire to avail themselves of residency interviews when these fall within the time they are scheduled for the Neurology Clerkship. Dr. Kovach indicated that this matter would be revisited at a future meeting to determine how this issue may be resolved.

2.3 Doctoring Team Report

Dr. Rull indicated that he had no information to share specific to Year Three, and deferred to Dr. Myers, who reported that the Y3 Doctoring Medical Humanities segments had been well received by the students.

2.4 Student Reports

Ms. Covington reported that students were very busy in clerkships and did not have any issues or concerns to be brought before this Committee.

3.0 Curriculum Issues

3.1 Electronic Health Records (EHR) - Update

Teresa Waters reported that she has been working with the clerkship regarding EHR. She stated that the issue of confidentiality has been discussed and will continue to be followed. In a related discussion it was reiterated that students can access their own medical records, but cannot open and view records of family members and/or faculty. There are currently safeguards in place that serve as a warning to students that they are not allowed to view these files; and if unauthorized viewing is found, Dr. Constance discusses said violation with the student. A repeated infraction can be cause for student losing access privileges to the hospitals' electronic health records. A lively discussion followed regarding the need for security measures and sanctions for violators. It was noted that audits are done periodically, but it was uncertain if such audits were able to detect all student-to-student record access. There are still many areas that must be addressed, thus the significant time allotment during the EPC Retreat for discussions related to the EHR implementation challenges. A report of discussions during the EPC Retreat will be given at the next Y3CC meeting.

3.2 Pain Management in the Y3 Curriculum

Dr. Kovach stated that this issue had been addressed at the last EPC meeting, at which time Dr. Kruse had asked the Y3CC to discuss how Pain Management might be integrated into the Y3 curriculum. Dr. Hingle, who served as Dr. Kovach's proxy during this meeting, explained that Dr. Kruse had attempted to form a Pain Management Subcommittee previously; however, little progress had been made. Dr. Kruse, therefore, asked the Year Three Curriculum Committee to convene a Pain Management Subcommittee to determine how and where this issue could be addressed. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Constance stated that students have asked for 'real world' situations where more definitive information could be provided on factors that influence a physician's decision to prescribe one type of medication over another. Each of the Clerkships present agreed to participate in a Pain Management Subcommittee, and Dr. Nelson offered to serve as the Subcommittee Chair. A report will be provided to the full Committee at a later time.

3.3 New IM Clerkship Evaluation Form (Hingle)

Dr. Hingle reported that the Internal Medicine Clerkship has developed and implemented a new evaluation form, which faculty complete electronically. This system was developed to give more specific feedback to students gleaned from the ratings of faculty who had worked directly with that student. She indicated that response rates have been good. She called the group's attention to the data garnered from the first two clerkship rotations. She stated that this form provides more accurate information for her as she gives formative and summative feedback to students. The downside she has observed is that with the longer form, faculty tend to write fewer comments than in the past. One member pointed to the finer detail within the form that gave the types of information heretofore covered in feedback comments. She also indicated that the electronic format has been helpful in tracking responses and sending reminders as needed. As this is a totally new system, there is the ability to expand the applications over time, such as an automatic reminder to faculty who have not submitted their evaluation form.

She noted that the issue of 'grade inflation' may still be somewhat problematic, but this and other similar matters can be better evaluated when additional experience with this form is available. It was noted that the Department of Surgery had developed a comparable electronic form which was also implemented at the beginning of the academic year.

At the conclusion of a brief discussion, Dr. Kovach thanked Dr. Hingle for the information she shared with the group.

3.4 Graduation Questionnaire (Class of 2007)

Dr. Kovach stated that there has been some discussion on this matter at the last Y3CC meeting; and at this time, there were no specific discussion items for the group's further consideration. She indicated, however, that individual items could be brought before the Committee if and when the need arose.

3.5 Year Three Appraisal Survey

Dr. Kovach called the group's attention to the Y3 Appraisal Survey form that had been distributed previously. A reflective discussion ensued regarding specific items, including questions number 2, number 3, and number 9. After a brief discussion it was agreed that for the upcoming Class

(2009), question number 9 should be eliminated and question number 2 should remain in the survey. Since no decision was reached on question number 3, Dr. Kovach asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next Y3CC meeting for further discussion.

3.6 EPC Retreat – Questions for Discussion

Dr. Kovach stated that she had begun preparations for the Y3 curriculum presentation at the upcoming EPC Retreat, and provided a cursory overview of the items she intended to cover, including the Year Three Appraisal and End-of-Clerkship results. She indicated that Dr. Kruse had asked that each Year Director also provide information on the portion of the curriculum for which they were responsible regarding the following issues:

- What are the weaknesses?
- What portions of the curriculum work particularly well or of which you are most proud?
- What innovations have you recently implemented and what innovations are needed for the curriculum to stay effective and at the cutting edge?
- Are there trends in healthcare and demographic changes that will necessitate changes in the curriculum?
- How should the EPC assure transparency with regard to curricular reform?

Following a brief discussion, Dr. Kovach asked that members send additional information to her directly for inclusion in her report.

4.0 Announcements

- 4.1 Dr. Roberts reminded the members to reserve the following date on their calendars for a very important Academy session:

FEBRUARY 26, 2008 - **Shirley McGlenn**, Instructor in SIUC's Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program (MEDPREP) will present at 12:00Noon in the Telehealth Conference Room/1252 at 913 N. Rutledge with VC to Wheeler 104; Topic: "Fostering Professionalism in an Academic Environment."

MARCH 11, 2008 - **Jon Bowermaster PhD**, Clinical Assist Prof, Depart of Human Resource Education, U of I, Urbana-Champaign; Topic: "Leadership". Presentation at 12:00Noon in the Telehealth Conference Room/1252 at 913 N. Rutledge with VC to Lindegren 310.

Note: Academy members have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one time with Dr. Bowermaster.

APRIL, 2008 - **Michael Kim, MD** from SIUSOM, Depart of Surgery will present; date, topic & location: TBD.

MAY 16, 2008 – Half-day workshop (9:30 am-12:30 pm) in the SCLP Conference Room at 825 N. Rutledge, Rm 3690; Lunch provided; Presentation by **Dr. Gregory Northcraft**, Prof of Bus Admin & Harry J. Gray Prof of Executive Leadership at UIUC on the topic of "Negotiation and Conflict Management".

MAY 19, 2008 - **Geoff Norman, PhD**, Assist Dean PERD, Prof, Dept of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics at McMaster Univ, will present at 8:00 AM in the Telehealth Conference Room/1252, 913 N. Rutledge with VC to Lindegren 310, and at 12:00Noon in Dirksen C/R, 801 N. Rutledge, 4th Fl with VC connection to Wheeler; Topic: Principles of e-learning & afternoon is cognitive perspectives on how we learn.

- 4.2 Dr. Klamen announced that Dr. David Rogers and Dr. Amy Arai have been named as recipients of the Outstanding Teaching Award.

5.0 Other

- 5.1 Next Meeting – **Monday, February 25, 2008**, 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.