

**Present:**

Regina Kovach, MD  
Hossum AbdelSalam, MD  
Reginald Bulkley, MD  
Erik Constance, MD  
Aisha Covington (Class of 2009)  
Susan Hingle, MD  
Debra Klamen, MD, MHPE

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

**Absent:**

Peter Borgia, PhD  
Gary Dunnington, MD (Proxy)  
Robert Knudson, MD  
Fran Kovach, MLIS  
Gary Myers, PhD  
Sandra Shea, PhD (Proxy)

**Guests:**

Jean Afflerbach  
Margaret Boehler (Proxy-Dunnington)  
Cherie Forsyth  
Ivajean Mitchell

Stephen Robinson, MD  
Cathy Schwind  
Mattie White, MD (Proxy-Shea)

The May 19, 2008, Year Three Curriculum Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

**1.0 Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 28, 2008, meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**2.0 Curriculum Reports**

**2.1 EPC/Executive Committee**

Dr. Klamen reported that at the last EPC meeting the group approved the Senior CCX Grade Review Process which parallels the procedure followed in Years One through Four. Also, USMLE data were presented and a report was given by Dr. Lopp regarding the status of the eHIT Subcommittee.

At the last Executive Committee meeting, Dr. Kruse reported on the EPC Retreat; also budgetary issues were discussed.

**2.2 Departmental Reports**

Psychiatry – Dr. Pary introduced Stephen Robinson, MD. Dr. Robinson has joined the Psychiatry Department as the Assistant Clerkship Director; he will assume the position of Clerkship Director upon Dr. Pary's retirement in January 2009.

**2.3 Doctoring Team Report**

No report

**2.4 Student Reports**

Ms. Covington indicated that she had nothing to report from her Class.

**3.0 Curriculum Issues**

**3.1 Year Three Curriculum Committee Membership**

Dr. Kovach reminded the group that at this time each year, membership on all standing committees is reviewed and recommendations are made for new appointments. She informed the group that there are currently two vacant positions. Dr. Laurie Lopp is being recommended for the position vacated by Dr. Embrey. Dr. Lopp's expertise and participation in the implementation of Electronic Health Records (EHR) into the clerkships will be an asset to this group. The discussion concluded with a motion made, seconded and passed unanimously that Dr. Lopp be recommended to the Committee on Committees for membership on the Year Three Curriculum Committee. Notice will be sent to Amy Arai, PhD, Chair, Committee on Committees, Faculty Council, as well as to Dr. Lopp.

The other open position is that of a resident who is a graduate from SIUSOM. For this position Dr. Kovach is recommending the Committee consider Christina Doerr (Class of 2008). Following her upcoming graduation, Ms. Doerr will begin the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program at SIU P&S. A brief discussion ensued regarding the difficulty residents often have attending meetings. Their busy schedules do not always allow time to devote to these activities. It was suggested that if two residents shared this position it might help to ensure the residents' perspective is included in deliberations of important issues germane to the Year Three curriculum. Another 2008 Graduate has been suggested as a possible candidate, Mr. Dustin Stehling. The idea of sharing the position garnered favorable comments from the group, and Dr. Kovach indicated that she would communicate this idea to the two candidates. Both of these candidates will bring a wealth of knowledge to curricular discussions.

### **3.2 Neurology Clerkship Schedule - Update**

Dr. Kovach reminded the group that at the request of the Neurology Department, students interested in pursuing a career in Neurology would be given preference to take the Clerkship during the Y3 Option Periods. Dr. AbdelSalam explained the process that had been followed by the Neurology Clerkship to identify 8 students who have been accepted into the Y3 Clerkship Rotation. Either Dr. AbdelSalam or Dr. Elble held 10-minute interviews with 8 students who expressed interest in exploring Neurology as a career option. He also provided information as to the higher expectations for students taking this course during their third year.

In a lively discussion that followed the issue of the legitimacy of having different levels of expectations and/or opportunities for students taking a required core clerkship was explored. Also, since the original proposal indicated 9 openings available in the Y3 rotation, and since only 8 slots had been filled, it was felt that the one remaining slot should be lotteried as previously agreed. Dr. AbdelSalam indicated that he will provide appropriate wording to describe the experience, which Ms. McCann-Stone will send to the Class as soon as possible advising them of this opportunity to take the clerkship during the Y3 Option Periods. It was reiterated that this pilot program would be reviewed and evaluated at the end of the trial period.

### **3.3 Year Three Orientation Session**

Dr. Kovach called the group's attention to the draft of the Agenda that had been distributed and asked if there were other significant items that should be included. A copy of the Dress Code policy was also disseminated. She also called the group's attention to an article distributed, Etiquette-Based Medicine, which she felt might be appropriate to include in the student's Y3 Orientation packet. Several members voiced agreement that this article would be beneficial for the students to read. The issue of flu shots was also briefly discussed and all agreed that unless the student is allergic to the vaccine, they should be strongly encouraged to get a flu shot. Several Clerkship Directors indicated that this procedure was built into the students' schedule to ensure that time was allotted for them to avail themselves of this important preventive measure.

### **3.4 Year Three Appraisal**

Dr. Kovach indicated that the revisions previously suggested by the Committee had been made to the survey and it would be available online as had been done in the past. She will send a personal letter to each student (to be distributed during their final clerkship rotation) informing them of the survey, explaining how this information differs from that they have given at the end of each clerkship rotation, and asking for their participation. An email will be sent later giving students the link to the survey. Clerkship Directors and nurse educators will be asked to encourage students to complete the survey throughout the remainder of the year and as they begin their fourth year coursework. Dr. Kovach reiterated that the exceptional response rates enjoyed over the past years makes the information more valuable as curricular issues are considered. As always, student's feedback will be anonymous and used only in aggregate as part of overall curriculum review

**4.0 Announcements**

Dr. Constance reminded the group that Graduation ceremonies would be held this Saturday (May 24, 2008), and all of the SIUSOM community were invited to attend

Dr. Roberts reminded the members to reserve the following date for the following important Academy session:

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2008** - **Georges Bordage, MD, PhD**, Professor, Depart of Medical Education, College of Medicine, Univ of IL at Chicago, will present at 12:00 Noon in the Dirksen C/R, 801 N. Rutledge/4th Fl with VC to Lindegren 310. The topic: "Quality of Research Reporting".

**5.0 Other**

- 5.1 Next Meeting – **Monday, June 23, 2008**, 3:00-4:30 PM  
Springfield location: Lincoln Conference Room, 801 N. Rutledge  
Carbondale location: Lindegren Conference Room 310

Dr. Kovach reminded the group that the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting would be the last one for this Academic Year. A memo has been distributed with dates for the Y3CC meetings for AY2008-2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.