



**Present:**

Tracy Lower, MD  
Erik Constance, MD  
Phillip Davis, PhD  
Mark Francis, MD  
Holly Hoefgen, Class of 2008  
Sharon Hull, MD, MPH  
Debra Klamen, MD, MPHE  
Fritz Lower, MD

Nancy McCann-Stone, MA  
Erica Nelson, MD  
Mary Pauza, PhD  
Nicole Roberts, PhD  
Nicole Sommer, MD  
Elizabeth Steffen (Class of 2007)  
Carol Thornton, MLS

**Absent:**

Peter Borgia, PhD  
Reginald Bulkley, MD  
Regina Kovach, MD\*  
Jody Lack, MD  
Karen Lee, MA  
Gary Rull, MD\*  
Sandra Shea, PhD

**Guests:**

Jean Afflerbach  
Cherie Forsyth

Susan Hingle, MD (Proxy for Dr. Kovach\*)  
Tracey Smith (Proxy for Dr. Rull\*)

## MINUTES

The February 5, 2007, meeting of the Year Four Curriculum Committee was called to order at 1:05 PM.

### 1.0 Review of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held December 4, 2006, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### 2.0 Announcements/Reports

Dr. Roberts announced upcoming presentations from the Academy and encouraged all faculty to attend.

- Mark Albanese, PhD, will present, "Medical School Licensure Exam and Residency Performance of Students with Discrepant MCAT Scores and Premedical Undergraduate GPAs," on Thursday, February 8, 2007, from 5:00 – 6:00 PM in the Dirksen Conference Room/Lindegren 303. Dr. Albanese is Professor of Population Health Sciences and Director of Medical Education Research and Development at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.
- Stephanie Donnelly, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Surgical Education Fellow, SIUSOM, will present, "Web CT in Surgical Education," on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the Lincoln Conference Room/Lindegren 310.

She also announced that on February 15, 2007, SIUSOM Academy for Scholarship in Education would be featured on the Illinois Board of Higher Education website for Excellence in Education.

### 2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Lower reported that at the last EPC meeting the various subcommittees and Year Directors provided updates. There was also a brief discussion regarding the LCME visit.

### 2.2 Departmental Reports

None of the departments present had any significant problems or issues to report.

### 2.3 Doctoring

Dr. Davis announced that the Medical Humanities segment for Year Four students is scheduled to begin February 26, 2007. He indicated that the reception the Doctoring curriculum received from LCME site visitors was gratifying.

Dr. Hull announced the upcoming presentations and invited all to attend forthcoming during the Medical Humanities segment. For the Theodore R. LeBlang Distinguished Lecturer in Law and Medicine, Internal Medicine/Medical Humanities Grand Rounds, William M. Sage, MD, JD, will present,

"The Wal-Martization of Health Care," on February 27, 2007, at 8:00 AM in the Wedeberg Conference Center, MMC/Room E-72. Dr. Sage is the Vice Provost for Health Affairs, and the Executive Vice President and Provost, University of Texas in Austin. Another presentation (co-sponsored with Internal Medicine) will feature Carolyn M. Clancy, MD, Director for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), US Department of Health & Human Services, Rockville, MD. Dr. Clancy will present, "Transparency, Transformation, & Value Exchange: New Opportunities for Quality Improvement," on March 7, 2007, at 5:00 PM in the 801/South Auditorium. Also, a special Grand Rounds co-sponsored by Medical Humanities/SIU School of Law will feature Mark A. Rothstein, JD, John and Marsha Ryan Bioethicist-in-Residence, from the University of Louisville. Mr. Rothstein will present "Pharmacogenomics," on March 23, 2007, at 8:00 AM in the South Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

#### **2.4 Student Report**

Ms. Steffen reported that all was going well with her Class.

Ms. Hoefgen reported that there were no significant problems reported by students in the Class of 2008.

#### **2.5 LCME Site Visit – Update**

Dr. Lower informed the group that from all indications the much anticipated LCME Site Visit went very well, and on behalf of Dr. Klamen, all were thanked for their efforts in preparing for this event.

### **3.0 Curriculum Issues/Updates**

#### **3.1 Elective Subcommittee Report**

Dr. Davis called the group's attention to the information distributed regarding the number of electives currently offered by department, the list of electives that are being withdrawn for the coming year and the list of new offerings that had been submitted. He thanked the elective faculty and elective coordinators for completing this part of the process. The Elective Subcommittee met to review the electives that had been renewed with revisions, as well as the new offerings. With very few exceptions, all course offerings have been approved; and there is still some fine-tuning underway with the respective faculty. He called the group's attention to the elective descriptions for new offerings. A brief discussion ensued regarding the new electives to be offered.

It was noted that a calendar would be sent to faculty within the next few weeks asking them to schedule their elective(s). The Call for Electives went very smoothly and the scheduling process should go equally well.

In a related discussion, Dr. Constance noted that there was a significant need to reinstate the Medical Spanish elective into the curriculum. Various options to address this issue were explored, including offering this as an online elective and a request to all faculty to determine if there is someone from the community at large or the School, qualified and willing to teach this course. Dr. Lower and Ms. McCann-Stone will pursue this issue and report to the Committee.

#### **3.2 Year Four Orientation – March 21, 2007**

Dr. Lower informed the group that she and Dr. Constance met with the Class of 2008 during their respective Medical Humanities segments to provide information regarding the overall goals of the fourth year, the calendar of events including scheduling interviews, extramural and electives to meet graduation requirements. The information provided may be of assistance as students select the Neurology rotation that best fits their needs. The Orientation session will include all Infection Control annual requirements. All were invited to attend.

#### **3.3 Scheduling Process – Neurology Clerkship**

Ms. McCann-Stone informed the group that the lottery process for students to select their Neurology Clerkship rotation was approximately one-half complete and is going very smoothly. Ms. Hoefgen stated that students were reporting no problems with the process. It was affirmed that the

detailed information which Dr. Lower and Dr. Constance provided in advance of this lottery proved to be beneficial.

### **3.4 Specialty Pathways**

Dr. Lower informed the group that there are currently 24 students still enrolled in Specialty Pathways; four students who had originally selected a pathway had dropped and one student changed from one pathway to another following a career decision change. She indicated that more information would be forthcoming as the year comes to a close. To better evaluate the impact this has on Year Four scheduling, Dr. Lower asked for individuals who would be willing to conduct some research and develop an appropriate questionnaire to be administered to the Class. Ms. Steffen volunteered to assist in the development of a survey instrument; others were encouraged to consider this project, as well. Dr. Roberts offered the services of the Academy's brainstorming group.

### **3.5 Graduation Questionnaire – Class of 2006**

Dr. Lower called the group's attention to the information sheet that focused on the issues most relevant to Year Four. She detailed the information gleaned from the full Graduation Questionnaire and compared data from the Class of 2006 to that of the Classes of 2005 and 2004. The issue of Community Service opportunities (a new Standard from the LCME) was discussed and Dr. Hull indicated that at least one prospect of such an opportunity was in the process of being developed.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of allowing students to search the catalog using key words such as Community Service, Population Health, Cultural Diversity, Minority Health, etc. It was also requested that the option for an advanced search to include the Week Number be further explored. Dr. Lower and key OEC personnel will pursue this matter to determine the capabilities of the current computer system.

## **4.0 Other**

### **4.1 Next Meeting: Monday, March 5, 2007**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.