



Year Four Curriculum Committee April 2, 2007 Minutes

Present:

Tracy Lower, MD
Reginald Bulkley, MD
Erik Constance, MD
Mark Francis, MD
Sharon Hull, MD, MPH
Debra Klamen, MD, MPHE
Karen Lee, MA
Fritz Lower, MD
Nicole Roberts, PhD
Gary Rull, MD
Elizabeth Steffen (Class of 2007)
Carol Thornton, MLS

Absent:

Peter Borgia, PhD
Phillip Davis, PhD
Holly Hoefgen, Class of 2008
Susan Hingle, MD
Regina Kovach, MD
Jody Lack, MD
Nancy McCann-Stone, MA
Erica Nelson, MD
Mary Pauza, PhD
Sandra Shea, PhD
Nicole Sommer, MD

Guests:

Jean Afflerbach
Cherie Forsyth
Lisa Waldeck

MINUTES

The April 2, 2007, meeting of the Year Four Curriculum Committee was called to order at 1:07 PM.

1.0 Review of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held March 5, 2007, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2.0 Announcements/Reports

Upcoming presentations from the Academy:

- Wednesday, April 25, 12:00-1:00. *Situational Leadership*: Jim Bente, VP for Quality and Organizational development, MMC. Dirksen Conference Room and Lindegren 310.
- Tuesday, May 15, 8:00-9:00. Leslie Smith, MD, SIU-Surgery. Topic/location to be announced

2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Lower reported the last EPC meeting was their annual retreat. Topics covered were: curriculum overview, longitudinal performance assessment, milestones project, micro & immuno in Year 1 and future of medical education.

2.2 Departmental Reports

Dr. Fritz Lower advised the committee that Dr. Hindman is retiring in May and Dr. Jessica Bowman will assume responsibility for Dr. Hindman's two forensic pathology electives.

2.3 Doctoring

Dr. Rull had no new business to report.

2.4 Student Report

Ms. Steffen (Class of 2007) had no new business to report.

3.0 Curriculum Issues/Updates

3.1 Elective Subcommittee Report - Recommendations

Dr. Lower had no new business to report on the elective subcommittee, however, she reminded the committee that faculty schedules were due Friday, March 23, 2007 and there is still a fair amount

outstanding. Cherie Forsyth will send e-mails to the respective departmental elective coordinators seeking assistance in obtaining the outstanding faculty schedules.

3.2 Year Four Orientation – March 21, 2007

Dr. Lower reported orientation was held March 21, 2007 and it went well. There were not a whole lot of questions from the students and that's attributed to the pre-orientation meeting that was held during the doctoring segment.

3.3 Year Three Information Session (Option Periods) – April 4, 2007

Dr. Lower reported the Year Three Information Session to discuss various off-site clerkships (FCM & Psych) and Year 3 Option Periods is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

3.4 Scheduling Process – Neurology Clerkship

Dr. Lower noted that all rising Year 4 students have been scheduled in the Neurology Clerkship and students can switch with a classmate if needed.

3.5 Weather Emergency Policy

Dr. Lower presented the Year 4 Weather Emergency Policy to the committee as information. Dr. Lower advised the committee that this information was given to all rising Year 4 students during their Orientation and this information will also be added to the Year 4 policies and procedure manual.

4.0 New Issues for Discussion

4.1 Research on Elective Pathways

Dr. Lower distributed a copy of the current elective pathways and requested committee thoughts on the first year of using pathways. Dr. Lower reported that Elizabeth Steffen has agreed to work with her to collect information from students on the pathway process during the student's time at SIU as well as a couple of months into their residency. After a thoughtful discussion, the committee had the following questions:

1. Did students do a course that they would not have normally done as a result of the pathway?
2. What is the benefit to the student for doing a selected pathway? (Would like to see more departmental ownership)
3. How do elective advisors know a student has selected a pathway?
4. Is it possible that there are not enough advisors?
5. Of students who did not declare a pathway, did they meet pathway requirements?

The committee suggested adding additional pathways for Emergency Medicine, Anesthesia, and Medical Education.

4.2 Teaching Sign-Outs in Sub-Internships

Dr. Lower reported the Y3CC had a discussion at its last meeting regarding Teaching Sign-Outs to students. Dr. Lower stated this will be a major JCAHO requirement in the coming years and requested input as to whether the committee should create a standard for sign-out during the sub-internships in Year 4. Dr. Constance expressed concern that this needs to be accepted for the residents before it is rolled out into Year 4 and also suggested the possibility of adding material from a Patient Safety standpoint in the Year 4 Doctoring curriculum. Following committee discussion, Dr. Lower will contact all intensive clinical elective faculty and provide introductory information regarding the committee discussion and provide a few survey questions. This item will also be added to the list of future considerations.

5.0 Other

5.1 Next Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM.