



Present:

Tracy Lower, MD
Robert Abrahms, MD
Erik Constance, MD
Phillip Davis, PhD
Mark Francis, MD
Susan Hingle, MD
Holly Hoefgen, Class of 2008
Debra Klamen, MD, MPHE
Regina Kovach, MD
Karen Lee, MA

Fritz Lower, MD
Nancy McCann-Stone, MA
Erica Nelson, MD
Nicole Roberts, PhD
Gary Rull, MD
Nicole Sommer, MD
Drew Peterson, Class of 2009
Sandra Shea, PhD
Carol Thornton, MLS

Absent:

Peter Borgia, PhD
Reginald Bulkley, MD
Phillip Davis, PhD
Jody Lack, MD

Guests:

Jean Afflerbach
Cherie Forsyth
Carolyn Holmes

MINUTES

The October 1, 2007, meeting of the Year Four Curriculum Committee was called to order at 1:00 PM.

1.0 Review of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2007, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2.0 Announcements/Reports

Dr. Lower introduced Robert Abrahms, MD, the new Elective Coordinator for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, replacing Dr. Nelson. Dr. Nelson will continue as a member of this Committee by virtue of her position as Chair of the CCX Committee.

Dr. Klamen reported that Theresa Waters has been hired for the position of Electronic Health Records Educational Coordinator.

Dr. Roberts reminded the group of the upcoming presentations from the Academy for Scholarship in Education Faculty Development Series, indicating that presentations would be held in 913, Room 1252 in Springfield and Lindegren 310 in C'dale

- October 23, 2007, Louis Pangaro, MD, FACP, COL (ret.) MC Prof of Medicine, V-Chair for Educational Programs, Uniformed Services Univ, Bethesda, MD;
 - 8:00 – 9:00 AM Presentation at Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Topic: Evaluating Learners Using RIME (WEDEBERG C/R, MMC)
 - 12:00 – 1:00 PM Topic: Students Learning in the Healthcare System
- November 13, 2007, 12:00-1:00 PM, Timothy B. McDonald, MD, JDA, Associate Professor of the Dept of Anesthesiology, U of I Medical Center, Topic: Patient Safety
- December 12, 2007, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, Dean Naritoku, MD, Topic: "Integration of Basic and Clinical Science of Therapeutics into a Senior Medical School Curriculum."

2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Klamen reported that discussions at the last EPC meeting focused on the finalized Grade Review Process, the proposed new licensing exam, and the strategic plans for medical education.

2.2 Departmental Reports

Dr. Nelson recognized Dr. Abrahms as the new Elective Coordinator and reported that the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology would be developing additional electives for Academic Year 2008-2009. She also stated that she was planning to report on the CCX results at the November Y4CC meeting. It was noted that the CCX remediation course began earlier today.

2.3 Doctoring

No report at this time.

2.4 Student Report

Ms. Hoefgren and Mr. Peterson reported that their respective Classes were working diligently and there were no problems to report at this time.

3.0 Curriculum Issues/Updates

3.1 Faculty Cancellation Notice – Electives

Dr. Lower informed the group that there had been some recent incidents where faculty overlooked contacting the Office of Education and Curriculum to advise they were not available to teach a course for which students were scheduled. She asked departmental Elective Coordinators to remind all elective faculty that if there is a conflict they need to let us know as soon as possible.

3.2 Y4CC Membership – Ex Officio Members

Dr. Lower explained that this matter had been brought to the attention of all Committee Chairs for consideration. Roberts Rules of Orders provide that ex officio members will have the same privileges as regular members, including counting toward a quorum and voting on matters of business. She indicated that the Y4CC Operating Paper forthrightly addresses this matter detailing the individual members who will and will not have voting rights. This Committee conducts business following the modified Robert's Rules of Order which allows discretion in matters of voting privileges. She indicated that unless there was a desire to make significant changes to the Operating Paper, the Committee would continue to follow the directives as set forth in the Year Four Curriculum Committee Operating Paper for the manner in which business would be conducted by this group.

3.3 Proposed New Licensing Exam

Dr. Constance explained the changes being proposed by the National Board of Medical Examiners would, in essence, combine Steps 1 and 2 into one comprehensive examination with content integrating both basic and clinical sciences. In a brief discussion, advantages and disadvantages of this proposal were debated. The NBME is currently seeking input prior to further action. Committee members were encouraged to visit the website and offer their individual perspective on this matter. Recommendations are anticipated by January 1, 2008. If this change becomes effective, it will have significant implications for the way the curricular calendars are structured. As developments unfold, this issue will be revisited at future Y4CC meetings.

3.4 Neurology Clerkship Scheduling – Procedure Change

Dr. Lower informed that group that at the last Year Three Curriculum Committee Meeting the Neurology Department proposed a revision to the process for enrollment during the Y3 Option Periods. Students who express interest in selecting Neurology as a career choice will be asked to interview with the Neurology Department Chair, who will make the decision as to which students are to be enrolled. If there are additional openings available after this process, the lottery system will prevail. Dr. Lower indicated that this method of filling the Neurology Clerkship openings during the Year Three Option Period would be piloted for 1-2 years to determine the viability of this approach to registration. She reminded the group that there had been previous discussion in Y4CC meetings regarding preferential enrollment and this group had determined that the fairest process was the one in which all students had the same opportunity for any course, thus no change would be effected in the Year Four registration process. This was an informational item only.

3.5 Review of Article, Integrative Clinical Experience

Dr. Lower called the group's attention to the article, Integrative Clinical Experience, suggesting that the topic compliments the discussion the Committee has had recently regarding the residency readiness electives. A lively discussion followed regarding the application of several components to the proposal for enhancing residency readiness electives at SIUSOM. It was noted that there is a potential for utilizing data already being collected as well as development of additional research projects. It was further noted that many of the components detailed in this article are already integrated into the Doctoring programs, and others are planned to be utilized in expanding the

residency readiness efforts. It was suggested that items germane to all specialties could be covered during the Match week; the following week could be reserved for the specialties clinical skills portion of the elective.

Dr. Lower thanked the group for a reflective discussion and invited members to bring similar articles for discussion at future meetings.

4.0 Other

4.1 Next Meeting: Monday, November 5, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.