



Present:

Tracy Lower, MD
Robert Abrahms, MD
Peter Borgia, PhD
Reginald Bulkley, MD
Erik Constance, MD
Phillip Davis, PhD
Mark Francis, MD
Holly Hoefgen, Class of 2008
Regina Kovach, MD

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

Absent:

Susan Hingle, MD
Debra Klamen, MD, MPHE
Jody Lack, MD
Sandra Shea, PhD

Guests:

Theresa Waters

MINUTES

The December 3, 2007, meeting of the Year Four Curriculum Committee was called to order at 1:06 PM.

1.0 Review of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held October 1, 2007, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2.0 Announcements/Reports

Dr. Lower introduced Theresa Waters, EHR Educational Specialist, who recently began employment in the Office of Education and Curriculum. Ms. Waters will be working with students to work with Electronic Health Records.

2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Lower reported that there had not been an EPC meeting since Y4CC last met.

2.2 Departmental Reports

None of the departments present had significant issues to report.

2.3 Doctoring

No report at this time.

2.4 Student Report

Ms. Hoefgren reported that Y4 students are busy interviewing.
Mr. Peterson reported that there were no significant issues to report at this time.

3.0 Curriculum Issues/Updates

3.1 Call for Electives

Dr. Lower informed the group that the Call for Electives was issued approximately 3 weeks ago. Some of the renewals have already been received. She urged the Elective Coordinators in each department to work with their elective faculty to make sure that renewals and any new courses are reviewed, approved by the Elective Coordinator, and returned by the December 21, 2007 deadline.

3.2 Proposed New Licensing Exam - Update

Dr. Lower explained that this matter had been discussed previously. There is no update at this time, and it was decided that further discussion on this matter should be tabled until a final determination has been made.

3.3 Year Four Policies and Procedures

Dr. Lower informed the group that a review is being conducted of the current Year Four Policies and Procedures to determine what, if any, changes should be made for the Class of 2009. A general discussion ensued regarding specific issues and wording that may need to be changed to reflect revisions made over the past year. Dr. Lower urged members to review the Y4 Policies and Procedures website document and advise if there are areas that should be revisited.

3.4 Visiting Medical Student Application Service

Dr. Constance explained the new procedure that is being implemented next Academic Year by the AAMC to facilitate VMS's application process. There are ten schools that are involved in the first year's pilot program. Even though SIUSOM is not one of the ten schools in the pilot program, any SIU student applying to one of those ten institutions will need to follow the new electronic procedure. A link has been provided to AAMC's website that reviews the rationale for the change as well as the procedure to be followed.

Additional information will be provided to the students when Dr. Constance and Dr. Lower meet with them for career counseling.

3.5 Career Counseling Orientation

Dr. Lower informed the group that she and Dr. Constance will be meeting the Class of 2009, in advance of the Year Four Orientation session, to discuss issues related to career planning.

3.6 CCX Report (Dr. Nelson)

Dr. Nelson presented information on the results of the CCX administered earlier this year to the Year Four students after completing their Year Three Clerkships. She stated that again this year 14 cases made up the Senior Clinical Competency Examination (SCCX) for the Class of 2008. Ten of the cases used the CCX program and four cases followed the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills Examination Patient Note format.

She provided information as to the means, pass/fail rates, and areas where students displayed the greatest strengths and weaknesses. Dr. Nelson compared this year's exam to the results from the past few years. She indicated that the process went very smoothly this year. Overall, the CCX Committee is very pleased with the student feedback, noting that several students expressed appreciation for the opportunity to practice for the Clinical Skills Exam (USMLE Step 2CS) using that format.

Dr. Nelson reported that there is a 4-week mandatory remediation course for students who do not pass the CCX, along with other learning experiences such as electives to address deficiencies exhibited by a student. Dr. Klamen reported that there is strong evidence that students' skills were significantly improved by the end of the course. Dr. Nelson summarized her presentation detailing the goals for the Class of 2009.

A lively discussion followed regarding the results and how clerkship faculty might work with students during Year Three to improve their CCX performance. It was reiterated that early identification of problems is necessary to promote learning objectives that help students improve their H&P and diagnostic skills in a systematic manner.

Dr. Lower thanked Dr. Nelson for her presentation.

4.0 Other

4.1 Next Meeting: Monday, February 4, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.