



Present:

Tracy Lower, MD
Peter Borgia, PhD
Erik Constance, MD
Phillip Davis, PhD
Karen Lee, MA
Debra Klamen, MD, MPHE

Regina Kovach, MD
Karen Lee, MA
Fritz Lower, MD
Nancy McCann-Stone, MA
Drew Peterson, Class of 2009
Nicole Roberts, PhD
Sandra Shea, PhD

Absent:

Robert Abrahms, MD
Amber Barnhart, MD
Mark Francis, MD
Susan Hingle, MD
Holly Hoefgen, MD
Chris Lawrance, Class of 2010
Erica Nelson, MD
Gary Rull, MD
Nicole Sommer, MD
Carol Thornton, MLS (Proxy)

Guests:

Wesley McNeese, MD
Cherie Forsyth
Fran Kovach (Proxy-Thornton)

Ivajeane Mitchell
Stacie Skelton
Theresa Waters

MINUTES

The July 7, 2008, 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 May 5, 2008, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2.0 Curriculum Reports

2.1 EPC/Executive Committee

Dr. Klamen reported that at the last EPC meeting, various committees and subcommittees gave progress reports.

2.2 Departmental Reports

Dr. Fritz Lower reported that the Department of Pathology is currently negotiating for additional faculty who may be offering electives in the Department of Pathology. He will stay in close contact with the Department Chair and report to the Y4CC as events unfold. He also mentioned that with budget constraints, some community faculty may need to reevaluate the amount of time they can afford to spend teaching students, but he is hopeful that educational opportunities for Y3 and Y4 learners will remain at the high standards students have enjoyed over these past years.

2.3 Doctoring

In Dr. Rull's absence, it was noted that Tracey Smith has left the Doctoring Coordinator position and moved to the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Dr. Klamen indicated that recruitment efforts are currently underway to find a replacement for this position.

2.4 Student Report

Mr. Peterson reported that students are very happy to begin the Year Four opportunities.

3.0 Curriculum Issues/Updates

3.1 Diversity Leadership Group (Dr. McNeese)

Dr. McNeese presented background information on his roles and responsibilities as Executive Assistant to the Dean for Diversity. He reported that the School of Medicine has had considerable success in terms of recruiting greater diversity among the student population; however, there is still much to be accomplished in attracting a more diverse faculty and staff. A Diversity Leadership group has been formed to advance the ideology of celebrating diversity among all members of the SIUSOM community. Dr. McNeese invited the membership to participate in the Diversity Seminar planned for the week of October 20, 2008. He also requested that members brainstorm to find other ways that curricular and extra-curricular activities could be designed to enhance the development and growth of

the cultural diversity goals of the School community. One such area is being discussed with Mr. Peterson and Dr. Lower to restore the Spanish for Medical Professionals Elective to the catalog offerings. Dr. McNeese indicated that efforts continue in this regard.

3.2 Y4CC Membership

Dr. Lower announced that Stephen Garrison, MD, will be sharing the resident position with Holly Hoefgen, MD. Both Drs. Garrison and Hoefgen are 2008 Graduates of SIUSOM and it is hoped that with two residents sharing this position, their busy schedules will allow at least one to attend Y4CC meetings to present the viewpoints of recent graduates during discussions on important curricular issues. Also, Dr. Barnhart will be replacing Dr. Bulkley as one of the Departmental Elective Coordinators. She also took that opportunity to comment on Dr. Mark Francis' hard work on both the Y4CC and the Elective Subcommittee over the past years. Dr. Francis will be turning over the reins for the Elective Coordinator role to another Internal Medicine faculty in the near future.

3.3 Residency Program Directors Survey

Dr. Lower called the group's attention to the proposed Residency Program Directors' Survey. The group discussed several revisions and it was suggested that the possibility of sending the survey to all residency programs throughout the country be further investigated.

3.4 Foreign Travel Guidelines (Dr. Constance)

Dr. Constance called the group's attention to the Policy that had been distributed to students. He explained the rationale for the changes and how it will impact students desiring to leave the country for an experience in another country. In the brief discussion that followed, it was suggested that the Policy and a link to the CDC site be posted to the Y4 Webpage'

3.5 Student Feedback – Academic Year 2007-2008

Dr. Lower reported that the Elective Subcommittee would soon be meeting to review the student feedback of the past year's electives. Their findings should be available for report at the August 25th Y4CC meeting. It is the goal of this group to distribute the feedback as early as possible so that faculty will have an opportunity to consider what, if any, impact the feedback will have on the course offerings to be renewed for the upcoming year. Elective Coordinators and Chairs will also be sent a report of the feedback from their respective departments

4.0 Announcements

4.1 Academy for Scholarship in Education – Faculty Development Series

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

5.0 Other

5.1 Next Meeting: Monday, August 25, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.