



Year 2 Curriculum Committee
Friday, January 25, 2008
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

Present:

Frank Aguirre, MD
Mary Aiello, MA, Staff
Amy Arai, PhD
Peter Borgia, PhD, Year 2 Director
George Dunaway, PhD
M. Steve Evans, MD, MS
Rhona Kelley, MS
Debra Klamen, MD, MHPE
Kerri Lockhart, Class of 2010
Fritz Lower, MD

John Murphy, MD
Karen Reynolds, RN, MS
Nicole Roberts, PhD
Gary Rull, MD
Stacie Skelton for Andrew Sherrick, MD
Shelley Tischkau, PhD
Don Torry, PhD
Steven Verhulst, PhD
Brenda Yale, MS, RN

Absent:

M. Rebecca Hoffman, MD
Carolyn Holmes, RN, MSN
Janak Koirala, MD
Sandra Shea, PhD
Tracey Smith, APRN, BS, MS

Guest:

Jean Afflerbach, MS, MBA
Brian Moore, MD

1. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the December 7, 2008 meeting of the Year 2 Curriculum Committee (Y2CC) were approved as written.

2. Announcements

Dr. Roberts announced a number of upcoming Academy events. On February 26, 2008 between noon and 1:00 p.m. in the Telehealth Conference Room (913/Rm 1252)/Wheeler 104, Shirley McGlenn, Instructor in SIUC's Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program (MEDPREP) will present for the Academy. She will address the topic of "Fostering Professionalism in an Academic Environment." On March 11, 2008 between noon and 1:00 p.m. in the Telehealth Conference Room (913/Rm 1252)/Lindegren 310, Jon Bowermaster, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor for the Department of Human Resource Education at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign will present on "Leadership." Dr. Bowermaster has more than 30 years experience in developing leaders in various organizations, including healthcare settings and in the Air Force.

Dr. Klamen announced the two winners of the 2008 Academy Scholars Award, Dr. David Rogers of Surgery, and Dr. Amy Arai of Pharmacology.

3. Student Report

Ms. Lockhart asked the committee if the NBME Comprehensive Basic Science exam could be rescheduled for May, after completion the Endocrine, Reproduction, Gastrointestinal (ERG) Unit. This is the only free time to offer the exam. Some committee members voiced concern about those students who perform poorly on the NBME practice exam will have little time before the actual NBME exam to remedy deficiencies as it takes about two weeks for the NBME to score the practice exams. The practice exam will be optional for students. Ms. Lockhart resurvey the class.

Ms. Lockhart complemented the Neuromuscular Behavior (NMB) unit for its organization. She received several complements from other students regarding the unit.

4. Exam Master

Dr. Moore's tutor group is writing their own SAQs. It has been very successful. To date he has 14 pathology, 12 pharmacology, 5-8 radiology SAQs. Students have several days to create a single question. One student commented "Wouldn't it be great if each student wrote a question?" Dr. Klamen offered to review the questions submitted by students. Dr. Arai offered to place the questions on the Neuro forum. Dr. Borgia asked the committee if they wanted to pilot this process for all tutor groups/students in a unit next year. Ms. Lockhart stated it would be fine on a voluntary basis to try it this year. She does not think SAQ writing should be mandatory.

Dr. Borgia asked the committee if anyone had examined the Exam Master question-bank. Dr. Moore did and he was less than impressed. He asked his group and in terms of the instant exam scores if 70% is perceived as the passing score, 21 students would have left the exam thinking they failed. When actually 8 students were in the C and U category. Overall, clinically, students did well, no one received a C or U. End of CRR Unit student feedback will be discussed at the next meeting.

o one had ever heard of Exam Master. Ms. Kelley said students should all know about it because of an upcoming PHP assignment.

5. CRR (HII) Unit Feedback

Dr. Lower was quite pleased with student performance on the Cardiovascular, Renal, Respiratory (CRR) Unit MCQ exam. The exam reliability was 0.91. The test results between this year and last were consistent. Of interest, the students who received a Concern or an Unsatisfactory on the HII exam with the exception of one student were not the same students in the CRR exam.

6. Neuromuscular Behavior (NMB) Unit

Dr. Arai reported everything is going well in the NMB unit. A tutor meeting is scheduled for next Friday. Students liked the Neuro forum in Year 1, so Dr. Arai

spoke with Dr. Shea and a Neuro forum on Blackboard was set up. Students can post a question and faculty or another student can post an answer. Dr. Arai has been monitoring the forum and contacts/encourages faculty to look at the forum. She has given faculty access to Blackboard and has encouraged them to look at it. She has not had much difficulty (yet) getting faculty to respond to the questions. Dr. Borgia and Dr. Torry have responded to questions from students in the HII unit using email. Dr. Pauza and Dr. Torry have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions from students and are thinking about listing the questions and answers on Blackboard. Dr. Borgia can see the use of the forum becoming an expectation of students since NMB has set a high standard for other units to follow. A faculty member has to monitor the question forum.

7. LXR Instant Scoring

Dr Borgia distributed a sample form page that will receive when they complete their exams. The page asks whether a student desires to receive a preliminary score for the exam and indicates that the final score may be higher or lower than the preliminary score. Dr. Klamen received 4 responses from other schools concerning whether they use "instant scoring" of computer based exams. Ms. Lockhart received only one student response to her second query about the issue. This was a negative response. This student felt exam scores are already released in a timely fashion. Dr. Klamen believes if we do it, we need to have a meeting with students prior to the exam explaining the process and the reservations. Dr. Borgia also noted we need to explain, more fully, the grading guidelines. For example, a grade below 70% may be a passing score.

A motion was made and approved to allow students to receive a preliminary score at the end of the NMB exam (Yes – 7; No – 3; Abstention – 1). Dr. Klamen, Dr. Borgia and Ms. Lockhart will meet with the students prior to the NMB exam and explain the option and limitations of "instant scoring".

8. Other Business

None reported.

9. Adjournment

The Y2CC adjourned at 8:26 a.m.