

**Year 2 Curriculum Committee**  
**Friday, April 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. Rebecca Hoffman, MD  
Carolyn Holmes, RN, MSN  
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  
Sandra Shea, PhD  
Tracey Smith, APRN, BS  
Don Torry, PhD  
Steven Verhulst, PhD  
Brenda Yale, MS, RN

**Absent:**

M. Steve Evans, MD, MS  
Janak Koirala, MD  
Andrew Sherrick, MD

**Guest:**

Jean Afflerbach, MS, MBA  
William Halford, PhD  
Brian Moore, MD  
Louis Premkumar, PhD

**1. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the March 28, 2008 meeting of the Year 2 Curriculum Committee (Y2CC) were approved.

**2. Announcements**

On April 28, 2008 Nicole Roberts, PhD, Associate Director for the Academy in Scholarship in Education, along with Reed Williams, PhD and Cathy Schwind, RN, MS, from SIU School of Medicine, Department of Surgery will present from 4:30 pm until 5:30 pm in the Dirksen Conference Room/4th Floor in the 801 Building with video conference connection to Lindegren 310. Topic of the presentation will address "The Nature of General Surgery Resident Problems."

On May 16, 2008 the Academy for Scholarship in Education, co-sponsored with Pediatric's is offering a half day workshop from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm in the SCLP Conference Room at 825 N. Rutledge, Rm 3690. Lunch will be provided. Presentation will be given by Dr. Gregory Northcraft, Professor of Business Administration and Harry J. Gray Professor of Executive Leadership at UIUC on the topic of "Negotiation and Conflict Management." Registration is not yet open, but will be required as space is limited.

On May 19, 2009 Geoff Norman, PhD, Assistant Dean PERD, Professor in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics at McMaster University will present at two different times. The first presentation will take place at 8:00 am in the Telehealth Conference Room/1252 at 913 N. Rutledge with VC to Lindegren 310. The topic is "Principles of E-Learning: Better Design for E-Instruction". The second presentation will take place at noon in the Dirksen Conference Room at 801 N. Rutledge, 4th Floor in the 801 Building with VC connection to Wheeler 104. The topic is "Cognitive Perspective on How People Learn."

Dr. Borgia introduced/welcome Dr. William Halford as a guest to the committee

Dr. Shea announced Year 1 students requested a mid-unit exam for the ERG Unit, which is new this year.

Dr. Klamen announced that she is putting together Y2 needs for clinical teaching with the help of nurse educators. The goal is to lay out the clinical needs for teaching throughout the year. It is hoped all clinical activities for the upcoming academic year will be scheduled at the start of the year. It is going well so far.

Dr. Dunaway asked if there were any plans to update the AV equipment in the West Auditorium. More electrical outlets are needed and the sound system needs to be updated.

### **3. Student Report**

Kerri Lockhart indicated that students were not aware the NBME Comprehensive Basic Science Exam was on paper. She asked whether, in the future, it can be done on computer. Mary Aiello answered that the paper format is the only format offered by the NBME.

### **4. Neuromuscular Behavior (NMB) Unit**

Dr. Borgia reported overall, the feedback was outstanding. Dr. Arai said, based on student feedback, it appeared the NMB unit ran fairly well. There were many positive comments on the unit's organization. She indicated that the unit calendar is very tight and poor weather postponed two lectures. There were a few comments on the wrap-up sessions. Faculty may consider moving the psychiatric case to the beginning of the unit. The unit is structured to have an integrated wrap-up session with three faculty following each case closure. Students provided several positive comments about the unit director and unit Nurse Educator. Carolyn Holmes was new this year but mastered the job. Dr. Arai thanked the other Nurse Educators as well. Dr. Borgia commented that the Nurse Educators are at the highest level that they have ever been since the curriculum started. Dr. Roberts reminded everyone to read their Aspects article concerning the Nurse Educators. Dr. commented that the PBLMs were highly rated this year. Dr. Arai believes this reflects on both the tutors and PBLMs. She mentioned that resource sessions were rated higher this year and that students liked the wrap-up sessions. Students also liked the neuroanatomy session. Clinical activities were rated higher than in previous years. Dr. Arai feels this was a result of the improvements in the musculoskeletal exam instruction. Dr. Gabriel, the Doctoring faculty group, and the Nurse Educators helped with these sessions. It

was also helpful that the residents assisted with the practice exam. Dr. Arai indicated that changes may occur with the way the neurological exam is taught in the future. Dr Arai indicated that students liked the Psychiatric Patient Day and the fundoscopic CAM session.

Dr Arai indicated that there were a number of comments that the SAQs had errors and questions that were not in the USMLE format. Miskeyed questions occupied a lot of student time. This year, Dr. Arai used the Neuro Forum as a way to communicate to the students about SAQs and this was very successful and highly rated by students. Dr. Rull indicated that he would like to add more geriatric issues to the SAQs for appropriate cases. Comments on the end of unit assessment indicate students felt they did not have sufficient time to complete the myasthenia gravis case. Feedback on the written exam was mixed.

The seizure OSCE received low ratings. We have not done anything on it in the past. There was no clear way to ask for the note from the patient. The instructions given students were unclear. Dr Rull indicated that, as a consequence, the station was graded in a lenient fashion.

Dr Arai reported that faculty resources sessions, standardized patients and the student guide received high student ratings. In one radiology session, however, the first presenter received poor feedback. This was not entirely the presenters fault since students did not receive necessary material prior to the session. The subject of how to strengthen the Radiology curriculum will be discussed at the Y2 Retreat.

## **5. Global Health and Year 2 Cases**

Dr. Borgia turned the committees' attention to the memo from the Dean concerning global health issues and indicated the topic is likely to be an ongoing issue. Dr. Shea noted Y1 reviews the cases every year in regard to diversity. There was a major change to one of their mini cases. She indicated that it may be necessary to add probes to the tutor guides about global health and diversity. This is the general direction Dr. Klamen was pursuing. Dr. Rull suggested adding another PAC on global health issues and diversity. Dr. Verhulst reported, in terms of the PHP program, this is perfect timing since the subject will be on the agenda for the PHP retreat this summer.

## **6. Y2 Retreat**

The committee will discuss a date at the next Y2CC meeting.

### **7. Y2CC Meeting Dates and Times**

Dr. Borgia asked the committee if they want to change the meeting time. Dr. Borgia has no problem with the current meeting time or anytime. The next Y2CC meeting is rescheduled for May 30, 2008. In the meantime, the committee will consider other meeting times for future meetings.

### **8. Y2CC Calendar**

A draft copy of the Y2CC calendar for 2008-2009 was distributed. The unit dates and exam dates are posted. Seven PAC dates are on the calendar. The Y2CC meeting dates have been placed on the Y2 calendar.

### **9. Other Business**

None reported.

### **10. Adjournment**

The Y2CC adjourned at 8:25 a.m.