

## **Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Present: B. Bany, A. Braundmeier-Fleming, J. Cheatwood, J. Davie, L. DiLalla, B. Hales, K. Hales, C. Hamilton, A. Johnson, T. Johnson, M. Lambert, P. Narayan, A. Pond, R. Reeder, G. Rose, D. Sarko, M. Sullivan, A. Sutphin, D. Torry, R. Weilbaecher, N. Weshinsky

Guests: J. Arnold, M. Barton, W. El-Amin, M. Gastal, N. Henry, D. Quamen, M. Thurber

N. Weshinsky called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **Minutes**

The April 13 minutes were approved as distributed.

### **Announcements**

N. Weshinsky reported that at the EPC meeting, D. Klamen gave an overview of the LCME accreditation process. This summer, there will be a self-study DCI of 12 standards with 93 elements across the standards, which will be completed by January of 2022. A task force appointed by J. Kruse will then analyze the study and make recommendations based upon which D. Klamen will write a report. The accreditation process will involve a site visit, which will likely occur in late 2022 and will include interviews with people in Carbondale. The Y1CAC Operating Paper should be reviewed before the LCME visit. Insiders have reported that SIU SOM has done really well but the LCME might be looking for ways we can do better. A Dashboard update was also discussed at the EPC meeting – J. Arnold reported that the plan is for the student-facing Dashboard to be live this fall.

B. Hales reported that the Executive Committee also discussed the LCME accreditation process, and W. El-Amin also gave a presentation on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Crossroads training. W. El-Amin announced that new faculty have been hired who will be instrumental in reducing race-based medicine in the Year 1 curriculum, including a trauma mitigation specialist and Director of Research and Innovation. W. El-Amin discussed possible trainings with faculty as well and invited the group to share their ideas. J. Davie reported that S. Tishkau gave an update about the graduate umbrella program and that the Cannabis Science Center is seeking IBHE approval. W. El-Amin discussed the tridemic of the COVID-19 pandemic, race-based trauma, and isolation. J. Cheatwood reported that a full-time PhD pathologist had been hired for Year 2 and that a forensic pathologist would likely be hired for Year 2 as well.

N. Weshinsky announced that at the Y2CAC meeting, it was brought up that in the next year, external unit reviews will be conducted in which Year 1 and Year 2 faculty from each unit will review each other's unit calendar, learning issues, doctoring activities, and student and faculty feedback, as well as how that feedback is being incorporated into changing the curriculum. A. Braundmeier-Fleming reported that this review was done for CRR in 2019 and that it still needs to be done for NMB and ERG and a plan needs to be developed for the HII review. A. Braundmeier-Fleming suggested starting with the NMB review this summer so that it is finished before the NMB unit begins, then doing the ERG review in the fall; all units' reviews must be completed by January as part of the LCME self-review process. D. Torry announced that there is

a new LCME requirement for a longitudinal assessment of the Year 1 and Year 2 curriculum. J. Cheatwood reported that he is working with working with K. Dorsey to improve consistency between Year 1 and Year 2. A. Braundmeier-Fleming stated that the goal is for faculty in both years to work together on longitudinal curriculum planning for their respective units, incorporating elements that work in one year into the other, to help make the transition from Year 1 to Year 2 smoother for students. W. El-Amin recommended also including longitudinal BSS and PSP topics in this collaborative curriculum planning. N. Weshinsky noted that more information regarding the external review process would be forthcoming.

N. Weshinsky announced that the Y1CAC retreat will be held on Tuesday, June 15 and welcomed everyone to send agenda items to him and M. Sullivan. J. Cheatwood asked whether the retreat would be held in person or virtually. L. DiLalla noted that if it were held in person, a large room would be needed in order to ensure social distancing. N. Weshinsky stated that Y1CAC meetings will likely continue to be held remotely through the summer.

### **Reports**

M. Sullivan relayed C. Anderson's Doctoring report: There were 6 failures on the ERG MU CCX. We have been in the PDL reviewing the HTT physical exam maneuvers starting on May 4. The students seem to enjoy the sessions and the students and clinicians are glad to be in the PDL. Some mentors have returned their Volunteer Physician Participation Forms for next year. There have been a few glitches with students getting mentor hours in ERG but so far, the problems have been solved and we seem to be on track for everyone to get their hours.

J. Cheatwood announced that the final NMB report was sent to voting members and that D. Klamen would like the time distribution table to be included in all Year 1 and 2 end-of-unit reports. J. Cheatwood also noted that there was a reduction in lab hours this year due to the remote curriculum; lab hours should increase next year but may not go all the way back to the number of hours in previous years, as the plan is to continue to incorporate online content going forward. This will be reviewed as part of the LCME accreditation process, and the same content will be delivered but with a hybrid of online and in-person activities. N. Weshinsky brought up the issue of how to standardize the table in order to incorporate it across all units. J. Cheatwood noted that it would be important to clarify which curricular activities should be included. B. Bany commented that what to include should be consistent across all units. J. Davie suggested adding the time distribution tables to the retreat agenda. G. Rose reported that it was great having D. Sarko as the NMB Shadow Unit Director.

P. Narayan reported that ERG is going well, that mini cases will be held this week, and that the ERG exams are coming up in a few weeks. P. Narayan also reported that the LGBT panel discussion hosted by L. DiLalla was well attended and well received. J. Davie reported that EOU exam preparation is underway.

M. Lambert reported that D. Sarko asked the student representatives to send a survey to the class to see if they would like an additional anatomy lab viewing before their exams; two-thirds of the class responded that they would like additional anatomy lab time. J. Cheatwood asked if it would be helpful to have students sign up ahead of time. D. Sarko stated that she would work with M. Lambert and R. Reeder to schedule optional lab times, and that up to 37 people can be in the lab

at one time. N. Weshinsky inquired about class morale. M. Lambert stated that the weather change has helped, as it has allowed students to be outside and gather in larger groups, and that there is stress about the exams but morale is good overall. N. Weshinsky asked how the student-led mid-unit exam went. M. Lambert reported that 50 students participated, then got together outside afterwards, and that it was a good experience overall.

C. Hamilton reported that the Lincoln Scholars program has selected its new class of 8 students, who will start on June 1 with the P.A. program. N. Weshinsky noted that he had interviewed several Lincoln Scholars students.

### **Other Business**

B. Bany asked when the Y1SCC meeting would be held. N. Weshinsky replied that it will be held on Tuesday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Y1CAC retreat, held on Tuesday, June 15 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.