

Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Present: C. Anderson, B. Bany, J. Cheatwood, R. Clough, J. Daniels, J. Davie, J. Farris, C. Greene, B. Hales, A. Johnson, T. Johnson, A. Pond, G. Rose, M. Sullivan, A. Sutphin, D. Torry, R. Weilbaeher

Guests: D. Quamen, B. Suh

Proxies: D. Sarko for L. DiLalla

A. Sutphin called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Minutes

The November 12 minutes were approved as distributed.

Announcements

J. Daniels reported that the Lincoln Scholars interviews will be held on Saturday, February 1 and will consist of “mini medical evaluations” in which applicants will meet with various faculty members. Faculty are welcome to attend the Lincoln Scholars’ white coat ceremony, the date of which will be announced.

A. Pond announced that the EPC discussed approaches to addressing students’ anxiety about the Step 1 and 2 exams. Students continue to be reminded that the Year 1 and 2 curriculum provide extensive preparation for the exams. A. Sutphin informed the group that the EPC has begun forming subcommittees for the upcoming LCME accreditation.

B. Hales reported that the creation of a non-thesis post-baccalaureate program was discussed at the Basic Science Chair meeting. Provost Komarraju is in support of the program and is on board with the sharing of resources necessary for its implementation.

A. Johnson reported that room 120 has been set up as an exam room and will be used as a testing environment, with laptops and dividers, during the three units. The room may be reserved through somcrooms for small group sessions but is not ideal for videoconferencing due to technical limitations. The IR conference room (room 102) will also be available.

A. Johnson announced that SIU SOM will be getting a WebEx license which will convert all videoconferencing to a web-based format and will allow VC from individual users’ computers.

Doctoring

C. Anderson reported that students have been taking the clinical skills sessions seriously and that they have their first comprehensive NMB H&P today. We are still short on mentors but have found alternates at the VA. Students whose mentors are away temporarily have been able to fulfill some mentoring hours at the SIH Emergency Department. The only drawback to this is that only their official mentors provide feedback on their performance.

CRR End-of-Unit Report

The CRR Overview was circulated. B. Bany reported that student performance on the mid-unit and end-of-unit CRR exams was comparable to that of previous years.

NMB Unit

J. Cheatwood announced that the NMB mid-unit basic science exam will be held this Thursday, January 16 and the lab practicals will be on Friday, January 17. A. Sutphin announced that she will continue to maintain a grading spreadsheet similar to the one used in CRR until the Dashboard is up and running. B. Hales asked what advisors should do if their advisees fail to schedule their required end-of-unit appointments. A. Sutphin informed the group that advisors should write a preliminary non-cog if a student does not respond to requests to schedule a meeting.

Student Report

J. Farris relayed the class's request to have the anatomy lecture slides posted earlier. R. Clough noted that the slides are posted when they are in order to avoid impeding the students' self-directed learning process. C. Greene passed along students' request to use the first floor tutor rooms as study spaces. A. Sutphin explained that many first floor areas are being used for storage during the remodeling projects, both currently underway and scheduled for later in the year, but that room 304 is available for use as a study space.

Year One Student Competency Committee

A. Sutphin reported that at the first YOSCC meeting, held at the end of CRR, students with multiple deficiencies were identified and specific recommendations were made by the committee. A. Sutphin reported that we are working on refining the review process for NMB. J. Davie recommended including advisors in the YOSCC meetings so that they can provide input on their advisees.

Step 1 Performance Report

D. Torry announced that it is the second week of NMB in Year Two and that students continue to experience anxiety about Step 1. Faculty continue to remind students that studying for the curriculum is highly beneficial to students in their preparation for Step 1.

Other Business

B. Suh announced that abstracts for the Teaching and Learning Symposium on Friday, April 24 are due on Friday, January 31. Students and faculty may submit abstracts with ideas about education and innovation. There may be an opportunity for Carbondale students and faculty to travel to Springfield together for the conference.

A. Sutphin reported that the MRC is being prepared for its move/remodel. The recommended and most used resources will be kept in room 208, while the remaining books will be housed in cold storage in the basement and will be out of circulation during the remodel process. Faculty should inform A. Sutphin of any specific resources that should remain accessible to students. D. Quamen reported that the MRC remodel will begin after ERG and should be finished by the end of the year. A. Sutphin noted that the new MRC will not have space for all of the microscopes currently kept there but that about five will remain available to be checked out by students.

J. Cheatwood announced that efforts have been made to reduce the cost burden on students of the MPEE and CARE summer programs and that Provost Komarraju and J. Marshall have agreed to cut the total cost by two-thirds, bringing student fees down from about \$1600-1800 to about \$600.

The student representatives were excused from the meeting. A discussion of programmatic assessment ensued.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will held Tuesday, February 11, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.