Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019


Guests: M. Buchanan, E. Efam, C. Hamilton, D. Quamen.

Proxies: N. Henry for L. DiLalla

A. Sutphin called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minutes
The October 8 minutes were approved as distributed.

Student Report
C. Greene relayed a student’s question about how anatomy and histology grades factor into the final unit grade. A. Sutphin reported that they would not be weighted but would be a part of the whole assessment. C. Greene reported another question the students had about whether they were allowed to schedule individual meetings with R. Clough.

J. Farris reported that many students felt that there were many more lectures after the mid-unit than before and had asked if the resource sessions could be spread out more. J. MacLean noted that RSs must not fall too far from the case to which they pertain.

Doctoring
A. Sutphin relayed C. Anderson’s report that all students passed both their CRR MU CCX and comprehensive H&P write-ups; 6 did re-writes to get a satisfactory (green) grade. Two students will have to change mentors after CRR due to their original mentors leaving the area.

CRR Unit
J. MacLean reported that the end-of-unit exam is ready and that the case vignettes with images will be included in the body of the questions and the text of all of the vignettes will also be printed out for the students.

A. Sutphin announced that R. Weilbaecher will be the CRR shadow unit director.

NMB Unit
G. Rose reported that the NMB unit calendar had been printed. J. Cheatwood announced that the SAQ distribution method for NMB had been determined.

Curriculum
A. Sutphin presented the proposed YOSCC letter that the students will receive at the end of each unit. N. Henry asked if the standard deviation could be added to the letter. A. Sutphin replied that it will be included.
M. Buchanan announced that IT had approved the request for a server for the Dashboard. E. Efam noted that the Dashboard will hopefully be ready by the end of 2019. M. Buchanan stated that the Dashboard will be web-based.

A. Sutphin presented C. Todd’s medical humanities proposal, “Staying Human”, which would require students to submit proof of their engagement in one hour per week of self-care activities. The committee objected to the exclusion of certain activities such as going to the gym, as well as to the proposed implementation methodology of the proposal, i.e. making ordinarily relaxing activities compulsory could decrease their benefits.

A. Johnson presented several options for French Auditorium (room 133). The first would be for SOM to pay for equipment in the room, in which case CTE would continue to maintain the technology. The other option would be to give up our reserve time in the room and reserve it through University Scheduling whenever needed. The committee decided on the latter option, noting that that other rooms, such as LSIII 1059, have better technology.

D. Klamen noted that last year’s graduate questionnaire had a lower than average number of respondents and that in order to alleviate some of the anxiety related to Step 1, SOM will give all students a copy of UWorld in Year 2, in addition to Pathoma and First Aid, which they already receive.

**Announcements**

C. Hamilton announced that the clothing sale has begun and order forms can be turned in to Student Affairs in room 130. Samples of different sizes are also available.

C. Hamilton reported that the students are planning a trivia night fundraising event.

C. Hamilton informed the committee that five students will begin volunteering for the patient hotspotting program beginning the first week of NMB.

C. Hamilton reported that preceptors and clerkships for the Lincoln Scholars program are being recruited.

J. Cheatwood announced that housing is available for MPEE students through University Housing. C. Hamilton remarked that housing at Evergreen Terrace is not furnished and does not include internet so might not be a good option for MPEE students. J. Cheatwood mentioned that Thompson Point could be utilized for MPEE students. C. Hamilton commented that first-year students staying in University Housing for the full year would have the option to purchase a dining plan and that a living learning community for MS1s could be proposed to University Housing.

J. Cheatwood reported that there is an effort underway to make changes that would reduce the costs of the MPEE program to make it accessible to more students.

J. Davie announced that there have been changes to the Faculty Council’s operating paper and that there will now be 20 sitting members of the council.
J. Davie reported that the Executive Committee meeting had been canceled but that the chairs had met to discuss improving tenure and promotion preparation, especially for women, given that the number of women and men at the assistant professor level is about equal but that at the associate professor level, the ratio of women to men declines. The committee chairs will meet with various departments to discuss how SOM can help faculty who have remained at the same rank for a number of years.

A. Sutphin announced that from now on, M. Sullivan will distribute the TGA reports generated in Springfield to their respective tutors only.

A. Sutphin announced that the purchase of testing laptops for room 120 had been approved and they should be available for NMB. A. Sutphin thanked D. Klamen and A. Johnson for their work in making the testing lab possible.

**Next Meeting**
The next meeting will held Tuesday, December 10, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.