

Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Present: B. Bany, A. Braundmeier-Fleming, J. Cheatwood, R. Clough, J. Daniels, B. Hales, A. Johnson, T. Johnson, D. Klamen, J. MacLean, P. Narayan, M. Sullivan, A. Sutphin, R. Weilbaeher, M. Young

Guests: D. Quamen

Proxies: N. Henry for L. DiLalla, D. Sarko for G. Rose

A. Sutphin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

The August 13 minutes were approved as distributed.

Announcements

D. Quamen announced that an Employee Appreciation Event has been scheduled for October 2, 2020.

D. Quamen reported that the new technical equipment for room 120 has been delivered and will be installed. The privacy panels have also arrived. The room should be ready for use as a teaching, testing, and conference space by the NMB unit. The room has 40 seats and will be on the room scheduling list. M. Sullivan will approve its release.

D. Quamen announced that the Office of Student Affairs will be moving to 129/129A. The move is scheduled for October 7-8.

The OEC office suite is scheduled for painting and carpeting next Spring.

The preliminary cost estimate for the MRC expansion will be sent to the dean in early November for review.

The five first floor tutor rooms previously used by the P.A. program will be available starting in NMB. The group moved to update the technology in five of the old tutor rooms to match that of the new rooms. This will include large wall-mounted monitors and wireless keyboards.

A. Sutphin announced that the EPC had approved a mandatory one-hour ethics/humanities session in Year 2.

D. Klamen discussed the ongoing effort to alleviate students' anxiety about the USMLE Step 1 Exam. The students have been reminded that the curriculum is more all-encompassing than just preparing them for the boards and that the problem-based learning curriculum will help them prepare for Step 1. In Year 2, the school gives all students copies of the most recent editions of First Aid and Pathoma to help them study. A. Sutphin suggested providing these materials to students in Year 1. B. Bany noted that some students use board-preparation materials to the

exclusion of the recommended resources.

A. Braundmeier-Fleming announced the new question-tagging protocol for all SAQs and BSE questions with mandatory and optional categories to track students' improvement in specific subjects. A handout was distributed. An ExamSoft training will be provided to unit directors.

D. Klamen reported that the Executive Committee had discussed the numerous online trainings required annually. J. Cheatwood noted that for the MSDS training, Springfield's protocol must be selected even by faculty who work solely on the Carbondale campus.

D. Klamen mentioned that the Executive Committee had discussed eliminating fees for the MPEE program, since it is cost prohibitive for many students. J. Cheatwood shared that only students whose projects can be at least partially funded are accepted, lowering the cost to participants. A discussion ensued about additional barriers to participation in the program, including negative feedback from fourth year students, a lack of support for undergraduate research, and the lack of an M.D./Ph.D. option. A. Braundmeier-Fleming noted that an individualized M.D./Ph.D. program could be possible on a case by case basis starting in Year 2.

Doctoring

M. Sullivan relayed C. Anderson's report that the students are doing well on their practice histories and that two students were reassigned to new mentors after their original mentors moved or went on leave.

CRR Unit

J. MacLean reported that the students are one-third of the way through the CRR curriculum. The next unit meeting will be held on Friday; student feedback about last Saturday's Interdisciplinary Professionalism Day will be requested at this meeting.

ExamSoft Questions

A. Sutphin announced that all Year 1 ExamSoft questions would be available to all unit directors in Years 1 and 2 to view and copy or modify for use in Year 2 exams. Since there is no read-only option in ExamSoft, care must be taken not to change the original questions. D. Klamen noted that it can be helpful to students to see information from Year 1 repeated in Year 2.

D. Klamen announced that after students have taken the SAQs in Exemplify, the PDFs with the answers and rationales will be posted on D2L. SAQs will not be graded or tracked; they are purely for students to use for studying.

B. Bany commented that the case vignette attachments on USMLE-style questions may be difficult for students to view on ExamSoft due to the one attachment per question limit. One option would be to give the students printed versions of the case vignettes for use during the exams.

Other Business

D. Klamen reported that N. Viscomi is now an MS2 at UCLA and that she had requested an ePBLM case to demonstrate SIU's problem-based learning system.

D. Klamen mentioned the possibility of admitting a small number of non-Illinois residents to the SOM in order to increase its name recognition.

D. Klamen reported that SIU SOM is very up to date with curriculum development but not quite as current with the technology side. However, we are moving in the right direction. Student data will soon be on the Dashboard. Non-cogs will be entered in MyProgress.

D. Quamen announced that there will be a cHOP presentation after the Y1CAC meeting (September 10 at 11:00).

Next Meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.