# **Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Present: J. Cheatwood, R. Clough, J. Davie, L. DiLalla, L. Grubb, B. Hales, I. Igbokwe, A. Johnson, D. Klamen, J. MacLean, S. Merideth, P. Narayan, E. Niederhoffer, S. Shea, R. Weilbaecher

Guests: D. Quamen, C. Reavis, B. Suh

S. Shea called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

#### **Minutes**

The September 11 minutes were approved as distributed.

#### Announcements

The next Science Café will be held at 7 p.m. on October 25 at the Science Center. John Martinko will be presenting on the flu pandemic.

- D. Quamen noted that ethics training must be completed by the end of October.
- J. MacLean shared that the ISRS conference was a smashing success, with nearly 130 attendees and excellent student presentations and an outstanding keynote address.
- B. Hales reported from the College of Science Dean's Council that the Student Center ground floor will be renovated to create "maker's space." Saluki Tech will be replaced with an eGames venue. There are \$9000 NSF STEM pipeline scholarships available to junior college students transferring to SIU (https://ldp.rso.siu.edu/scholarship/). In addition, there were 67 grant applications for the foundation grants for faculty research.
- L. Grubb and I. Igbokwe were welcomed as the new student representatives to the committee. They were encouraged to indicate how many students are represented by each concern/comment they bring to the committee. They were also asked to relay information back to the class.

MPEE presentations were held August 31<sup>st</sup>. There was a good variety and interesting work was presented. J. Cheatwood would like to be able to attend in person next year in Springfield. He noted that there is significant interest among the current class in MPEE. He found his first year as coordinator a learning experience.

- S. Shea shared that the EPC approved the site restrictions for MPEE and CARE.
- S. Shea announced that J. Robbs, of the SOM Alumni Association, will be hosting a tent at SIU's homecoming on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Students, faculty, and alumni are invited.

# **Doctoring Report**

S. Shea reported for C. Anderson that doctoring is going well. C. Anderson is working with students who have been out on medical leave to make up doctoring activities. The CCX practice case was held last week, and the mid-unit CCX case begins next week. Students' comprehensive H&P write-ups are due soon.

### **Student Report**

I. Igbokwe noted that approximately 20 students wanted more computers for the exam review, and students would have liked a lunch break. S. Shea indicated that the NMB mid-unit exam will be given on paper, so computers won't be an issue for that review.

L. Grubb indicated that students are wanting to know whether the end-of-unit exam will use exam software. S. Shea explained that we do not yet know; faculty are working with Springfield on this currently. If the exam software is not used, students will have input on the alternative method of delivery.

Approximately 4-5 students shared a request to have more vignette style questions on SAQs, so that students can practice pacing for actual exams. Unit coordinators will encourage resource faculty to provide more vignette type questions, but L. DiLalla noted that the purpose of SAQs is to give students an idea of the content to be covered, not the format of test questions.

Students noted that Drs. Khan and Malasana gave particularly good case wraps.

#### **CRR Unit**

The mid-unit exam is over, and faculty are currently reviewing the end-of-unit exam.

The exam review went well; there appeared to be fewer complaints and comments from this year's class. A summary of student questions and LIs has been sent to students and discipline experts.

### **NMB Preview**

- R. Clough announced that NMB is "cruising right along." A few physicians still need to confirm dates and times for their sessions. SAQs are beginning to be reviewed by faculty.
- S. Shea will take the NMB calendar to the EPC next month for pre-approval.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 6, at 8:30 a.m. The Springfield location will be the Dirksen conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.