

Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Present: B. Bany, J. Cheatwood, J. Daniels, J. Davie, L. DiLalla, L. Grubb, B. Hales, I. Igbokwe, A. Johnson, T. Johnson, J. MacLean, S. Merideth, P. Narayan, E. Niederhoffer, S. Shea, A. Sutphin, R. Weilbaeher

Guests: D. Quamen, B. Suh

S. Shea called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Minutes

The October 9 minutes were approved as distributed.

Announcements

Tracie Johnson was introduced as the new PSP representative.

J. Daniels announced that admissions is “rockin’ along” with many good candidates.

Mikaela Thurber will be the new instructor in Anatomy, taking the position vacated by N. Viscomi. She has recently completed her master’s degree at LSU-Shreveport. Her office will be Lindegren Hall room 210B.

The next Science Café will be held at 7 p.m. on November 15th at the Science Center. K. Gagnon will be presenting, “Back to the Future: From Understanding to Engineering the Human Genome.”

The Physiology Department is in the midst of interviewing two candidates for an instructor’s position. The candidates will be giving lectures; details will be announced.

Eight first-year medical students volunteered for hot spotting training. Those selected will be joining the two Carbondale teams, which include PA, MEDPREP, and social work students. They will be working with patient “super users” to try to reduce their visits to the emergency department.

Gabriel “Gabe” Neely-Streit, a reporter for the *Southern Illinoisan*, is publishing a series of articles related to the School of Medicine. Faculty may be contacted for interviews.

Doctoring Report

S. Shea reported for C. Anderson that doctoring is going reasonably well. Four students failed the mid-unit CCX, which is fairly typical. Students are taking doctoring and OSCE preparation seriously. A few students did not get enough mentor hours in CRR, and their hours will be rolled over to NMB.

Student Report

One student requested that TGAs be done after the exam. It was explained that TGAs must be completed prior to exam week as the data are included in the assessment of students’ progress. That being said, groups are free to complete TGAs anytime between the last set of mini cases and the due date.

The students spoke very favorably about Dr. Jensik’s resource sessions.

S. Shea thanked the class for their help cleaning up following the Halloween party.

CRR Unit

The unit has run fairly smoothly and has effectively met its goals. The exam is ready to go.

NMB Unit

The calendar was distributed with the agenda so that committee members are aware of it. It does not require approval.

The unit is ready to begin with the exception of one outside clinician who is not yet confirmed.

Class of 2018 Graduation Questionnaire

In addition to the three documents distributed with the agenda, S. Shea circulated a summary. She reminded everyone the Class of 2018 was in Carbondale in 2013-14, and the curriculum has changed since then. In addition, students do not always recall details of the first year clearly.

Particular areas that were discussed include:

- 1) the need for faculty to teach to the learning issues rather than to their research interests;
- 2) while a few introductory resource sessions are provided (e.g., genetics review in CRR and nervous system organization overview in NMB), we will not give large blocks of introductory lectures, as this is antithetical to problem-based learning;
- 3) while biochemistry exposure prior to medical school is helpful, it is not a requirement for admission;
- 4) concern that the percentage of students who never experienced being subjected to offensive or sexist remarks or names should be higher than the current 80%.

J. Daniels noted that despite the occasional negative comment, he believes that alumni appreciate their time in Carbondale more as time passes. He feels the first-year experience is a good one for our students.

L. Grubb indicated that students find it particularly helpful when learning issues or objectives are included on PowerPoint presentations. A. Pond does an especially nice job of this.

Other Business

L. DiLalla had the opportunity to meet students at our sister school in Japan. When the third-year Japanese students visit our School for three weeks, she thinks it would be beneficial if their time included a visit to the Carbondale campus. S. Shea will discuss this possibility with D. Klamen.

Next Meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.