

UGMS Committee

Minutes

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Ms. L. Glynn (Chair), Drs. G. Farrell, A. Goodridge, S. Moffatt, A. Dorward, S. Shah, Ms. E. Hillman, Ms. S. Ackerman, Mr. G. Beckett, Mr. S. Pennell, Mr. N. Sowers (Student Representative) and Ms. M. Neary (Invited Guest)

APOLOGIES: Dr. T. Adey

Minutes of October 15 and November 5, 2008

Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Business Arising

Curriculum Design Proposal

It was noted that the proposal for the new curriculum design was presented at the last Faculty Council meeting and was passed.

Plagiarism and Invigilation

Dr. Farrell, Ms. Glynn and Ms. Neary will review this matter independent of this Committee and it will be presented to the Senate Committee for Undergraduate Studies at their meeting in December.

New Business

Sub-Committee on Student Assessment

Dr. Farrell advised he has approached Dr. McKay with regards to accepting the position of chair of the Sub-Committee on Student Assessment. This will be confirmed.

Student Wellness Policy

Ms. Neary was introduced to members and she provided a presentation and handout which was reviewed at this time.

It was felt that there should be a policy that instructs people how to proceed with regards to student wellness, instead of immediately having a student withdraw from the program.

There was discussion and it was suggested that a representative from this Committee as well as someone from Student Affairs should work on a more general policy that could be presented as the policy of Student Affairs and UGMS. Ms. Neary and Dr. Moffatt agreed to begin working on such a policy.

It was noted that the current UGMS policy should be entitled “Involuntary Withdrawal of the Unwell Student”. Faculty Council did have some questions and requested these be referred back to this group for clarification.

IPE Curriculum Proposal

Ms. Glynn introduced the document that had been submitted to the Committee for approval and noted that there didn't appear to be a great difference in this document and others that have been previously presented. The document requests three IPE blocks for winter 2009 which is only one month from now.

It was noted that Mr. Sowers had brought the survey results from his class. In the past there have been questions regarding the survey results and in response to this, the students have completed their own independent survey.

Mr. Sowers provided a handout with the results of the survey and noted that they contradict those provide by IPE. He noted that the theory of IPE is supported by medical students in general, however, the delivery of it is not, especially with regards to redundancy and also when it is delivered. Some of these concerns have been addressed with the current Psychiatry sessions which appears to be the first IPE sessions that were of value. There was also an area of concern with regards to the fact that there were too many modules.

Mr. Sowers advised that it seems the IPE representatives have taken some of the student suggestions from last year with regards to problems and are trying to improve. He felt, however, that it was important to take into consideration the fact that the feedback presented in the proposal is more favorable than presented in the independent student survey.

After further discussion the following motion was made:

GOODRIDGE/SHAH

THAT the Committee advise that IPE should make their proposal for the 2009-10 academic year and provide a report regarding what is currently happening with regards to the Psychiatry modules.

CARRIED

Ms. Glynn will write a letter to this effect which will include the fact that the statements regarding approval by the Pre-Clerkship Committee are inconsistent and there is also disagreement with regards to the survey results and the fact that they don't reflect what is being provided by the student survey.

Design and Governance

Members felt that this matter could not be discussed without a member of the MELT team in attendance.

Mr. Beckett expressed concerns with regards to the proposal and Ms. Glynn advised that she would send his comments to the MELT team and request that someone be available for the next meeting to address these concerns as well as others that may arise from discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Ms. L. Glynn
Chair

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