

UGMS Committee

Minutes

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Ms. L. Glynn (Chair), Drs. J. Kibble, N. Bandrauk, C. Donovan, S. Moffatt, S. Shah, A. Dorward, T. Adey, G. Farrell, A. Goodridge, D. Boone, M. Wells, S. Peters, P. Hansen, Mr. S. Pennell, Mr. G. Beckett, Ms. S. Ackerman, Ms. E. Hillman and Mr. N. Sowers

APOLOGIES: Mr. J. Thorburn

Curriculum Renewal

Members were reminded that the proposed plan for curriculum renewal would be voted on at today's meeting and in light of this, the MELT team was present to provide information and answer questions in advance of the vote. The following points were noted:

- Concerns have been expressed by students regarding the fact that there is a lot of redundancy – sometimes the same topic is taught multiple times with no new information being given; this new curriculum structure will address this issue.
- With the new structure there will be no distinction between Pre-clerkship and Clerkship. The curriculum will be presented in phases with no interruption.
- Faculty information sessions will be provided and will include a summary of what was presented at the retreat, the information presented here today and examples of cases that could be used with the curriculum proposal.
- One of the issues of the accreditation was the fact that there is no central body in charge of the curriculum and everyone is currently responsible for their own material, teaching, etc. LCME would like to see a more centralized control with a structure that would see issues addressed at a curriculum committee and then on to the dean where a final decision would be made with no vote by faculty council.

Some members wondered if other curriculum models were considered and it was noted that problem based learning had been considered however, the current literature does not support its success.

It was suggested that in order to ensure the proposal is properly presented to faculty, information regarding why the spiral curriculum model was chosen along with supporting information should be presented at the faculty information sessions.

After some further discussion, the following motion was made:

SHAH/DORWARD

THAT in order to facilitate the delivery of a renewed curriculum the UGMS Committee accepts the proposed curriculum design.

CARRIED

(1 vote in favor registered electronically; 1 abstention)

It was noted that the governance structure would be discussed at the next meeting and members were asked to review the applicable material in preparation for the discussion.

Review of Minutes of September 17, 2008

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Business Arising

Anatomy Teaching

This matter has not yet been discussed with the dean. Members will be updated once information becomes available.

Transfer Requests

Members were informed that this matter is being handled by the Admissions Office therefore a policy from this Committee will not be required. Any requests that come through the UGME Office will be referred to the Admissions Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. L. Glynn
Chair

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