

Clerkship Committee

Minutes

DATE & TIME: Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Dr. G. Farrell (Acting Chair), Drs. J. Shik, J. Harris, T. Delaney, A. Drover, H. White, B. Curtis, P. Gardiner, N. Duggan, Ms. M. Neary, Ms. M. Kent, Ms. S. Ackerman and Mr. N. Cheeseman (Student Representative)

APOLOGIES: Dr. D. Boone

Review of Minutes of December 11, 2008

Deferred to the next meeting.

Business Arising

Update on T-Clerk

It was noted that all students are using T-Clerk as well as the paper form and it appears to be working well. Ms. Ackerman and Mr. Beckett will meet to review the available data after which time the accreditation report can be done.

It was felt that at some point, possibly by May 2009, this Committee will have to decide if the use of T-Clerk should continue or if other options should be considered, keeping in mind that the solution does not necessarily need to be a technical one.

This matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Update on Rural Family Medicine Proposal

It was noted that the Discipline of Family Medicine is considering working with another venue for their proposal made at the last meeting. They may approach MELT for the changes to be incorporated into the new curriculum.

Update on CMPA

Deferred to the next meeting.

New Business**Education Research NBME/LMCC**

Dr. Drover indicated that her research group took two years of data for the national board exam in Pediatrics and linked this information to the performance of students in the Pediatrics portion of the MCC examination to see if it was predictive. The correlation was approximately .4. When similar data was used for US students the correlation was much better. The group is hoping to look at all disciplines to see how they relate to each other and to Pediatrics. Funding is currently being sought in order to continue this work and as well, the abstract for the project has been accepted at AFME in May. Additionally, it has been sent to Pediatrics Undergraduate representatives across the country for feedback. A lot of interest has been expressed.

Some members wondered what the alternative would be if NBME exams were discontinued and Dr. Drover felt that an option may be to use the funding now being spent to purchase these exams to produce an in-house exam.

Dr. Farrell advised that Dr. McKay is now the chair of the Subcommittee on Assessment and as well, approval has been received to allow for an assessment position through the UGME Office. Both of these positions may be able to help with this.

Clerkship Objectives Database

Ms. Ackerman advised that with the current system, the objectives are tied to the course evaluations in pre-clerkship but this is not the case with clerkship. As a result, the clerkship objectives have been printed and each discipline coordinator is asked to review them for his/her discipline. Any changes should be reported to Ms. Ackerman because the information will need to be updated in the database. Ms. Ackerman is available to meet with any coordinator as requested.

Process for Dealing with Red Flag ITERs

Dr. Farrell advised that this matter came out of a discussion with the Dean's with respect to ITERs that have been "red flagged"; the student would have passed the rotation but considerable concerns were expressed in the comments section. It is felt that this Committee should have a mechanism to deal with this issue.

After some discussion it was felt that Dr. Farrell would check with other schools in Canada to find out how they handle such situations and it would be brought for discussion again at the next meeting. It was also noted that this would require a calendar change therefore it would have to be approved and submitted to Senate by February in order for the change to take effect for the next class.

Additionally it was felt that the area on the ITER that asked the supervisor to note any weaknesses should be changed to “Areas for Improvement”. Ms. Moss will contact One 45 to have this change made.

Student Reports

There were no student reports at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

G. Farrell, MD
Acting Chair

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