

UGMS Committee

Minutes

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 4:00p.m.

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Ms. L. Glynn (Chair), Drs. S. Murphy, A. Drover, T. Adey, A. Goodridge, G. Farrell, C. Donovan, S. Shah, L. Gillespie, S. Moffatt, Ms. S. Ackerman, Mr. G. Beckett, Ms. E. Hillman, Mr. S. Pennell and Mr. Pierre Richard (Student Representative), Wayne Macdonald, Jeanie Haynes

Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes were unavailable for approval at this time.

Additions to Agenda

Rural Selective Clerkship

Ms Glynn advised the Committee that the proposed changes to transcript wording for students requiring, and subsequently passing, remediation in ISD courses was approved by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The list of students to which this applies can be generated by Mary Dray and will be requested by Ms. Hillman.

Reports

Pre-Clerkship

Dr. Adey reviewed the new Leave Policy Form. Changes to the form were necessary as a result of instances of inappropriate absences and requests for absences by students. The amended form provides more clarity in terms of the appropriate reasons for absence.

Dr. Adey also pointed out that the IPE Safety Module was introduced to the current MED 1 Class. The module was well-received by students and, according to informal feedback considered to be a positive experience.

Clerkship

Dr. Farrell informed the Committee of the changes in Med III Rotation Template. As had been approved by UGMS, the Family Medicine rotation was moved up to 8 weeks; accommodations for this change affected Obstetrics/Gynecology and Psychiatry, each of which were reduced to a six week rotation. Dr. Farrell advised the committee that the Obstetrics/Gynecology and Psychiatry divisions were not supportive of their rotations being reduced. It was explained that several options were considered and that this is the one that was decided upon.

Dr. Drover presented a query raised in Clerkship meetings regarding the Rural Selective resulting from discussions on the changes to “rural” environments over time. The definition of “rural” was discussed in terms of what constitutes a rural selective. L. Glynn suggested that it would be prudent to discuss this further with the newly hired Assistant Dean of Rural Medicine, Dr. Ravalia, in consultation with Dr. Rourke, who has a strong interest in this area of medicine.

Policies/Procedures Review

Dr. Drover reviewed the Clerkship Rotation Patient Care Experiences Policy by presentation slide show and explained how they perform this in Pediatrics in terms of identification, logging, and monitoring experiences. It must now be determined whether or not the other Clerkship disciplines are following the same pattern to ensure that monitoring and documentation is clear and standard.

Promotions Policy

Mr. Beckett suggested this be deferred to the next UGMS Meeting as it requires detailed discussion on his previously distributed document regarding proposed changes to the Promotions Policy. Mr. Beckett will post the document on the UGMS Web site and all Committee members were asked to review it prior to the next meeting.

MELT Update

Juanita Barrett will attend the next UGMS Meeting to speak about MELT. There were no other updates.

Professionalism

The ad-hoc Committee on Professionalism has completed its work and has written a report for the Dean. The report is currently in draft form.

Dr. Goodridge was asked to meet with Carolyn Sturges regarding Aboriginal issues and how they can be incorporated in the curriculum. Dr. Farrell explained that she will be speaking to various faculties on this topic and that further information will be forthcoming.

A copy of the Aboriginal Human Health Resources Project Update was emailed to the UGMS Committee on January 20, 2010 for viewing.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30pm.

L. Glynn (Chair)

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