

## UGMS Committee

### Minutes

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DATE & TIME: Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 4:00p.m.

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Lindsay Glynn (Chair), Drs. T. Adey, G. Farrell, A. Goodridge, D. McKay, S. Murphy, S. Shah, Ms. S. Ackerman, Mr. G. Beckett, Ms. E. Hillman, Mr. S. Pennell, Mr. P. Richard, Ms. S. Prior.

Regrets: Dr. S. Moffatt

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#### Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting were approved as circulated. Without a quorum, the April meeting had to be cancelled.

#### Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the May 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda; however, Dr. Goodridge reported that he is prepared to present the PESC report and requested that this item be included on the July Agenda.

#### Informatics Committee Report and Recommendations

Mr. Beckett gave an overview of the Informatics Report and provided the Recommendations around the introduction of informatics to the undergraduate program. Mr. Beckett reiterated the Informatics Sub-Committee's request that the UGMS Committee formally support the Recommendations. Discussion followed regarding the inability of hospital and university technologies to communicate and the problems this continues to create, especially as the medical school's numbers increase and more and more rotations are completed outside of the St. John's area. It will require support at very senior levels within the university and the hospitals to bring about this needed change; however, the status quo is simply not acceptable. In addition, the refusal of hospitals to support technologies used by many physicians could have very serious consequences. Physicians are forced to keep patient information in their hand-held devices. Were these devices to be lost or stolen, a breach of patient confidentiality would result. Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto is currently uniting 66 different technologies to Physician iPhones. Exposing students to informatics early on in the medical careers would significantly increase patient safety as these students would be better prepared when they begin service on the wards as Clerks.

Dr. Goodridge proposed that a sixth recommendation be added to require hospital and university informatics systems to have the capacity to interface with each other. All agreed; motion carried. The Recommendations proposed by the Informatics Committee were accepted and approved.

## Reports

### Clerkship Committee

Dr. Farrell reported that the clerkship templates have now been revised. The Family Medicine rotation has increased from 4 weeks to 8 weeks; Psychiatry and Obstetrics have decreased by 2 weeks to 6 weeks. There is no separate template for New Brunswick. If a student wishes to do a full year in NB they can, so long as NB can accommodate them. Currently, both Dalhousie and Memorial medical students are doing rotations in NB. This is creating some confusion, given the differences that exist with the two programs. The Clerkship Committee is exploring the option of supporting a different program for students who choose to do a full year in NB, based on the NB schedule and length of rotations (even if that differs from MUN's). The NB rotations are based on objectives, competencies and experiences so if the same outcomes can be achieved in rotations of shorter durations, this would be acceptable.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Room H-2862 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Adjournment at 5:00.

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