

## UGMS Committee

### Minutes

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DATE & TIME: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 4:00p.m.

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Lindsay Glynn (Chair), Drs. T. Adey, C. Donovan, G. Farrell, A. Goodridge, M. Hogan, D. McKay, S. Moffatt, S. Shah, Ms. S. Ackerman, Mr. G. Beckett, Ms. L. Gillespie, Ms. E. Hillman, Mr. S. Pennell, Ms. S. Prior.

Regrets: N. Sowers, S. Murphy, P. Richard

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#### New Agenda Template

Ms. Glynn introduced the new UGMS meeting agenda template. It is believed that this template will provide transparency and accountability.

#### Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting were approved as circulated.

#### Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the September 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

#### Committee Membership

Ms. Gillespie's term expires in October; however, Ms. Glynn extended an invitation to Ms. Gillespie to serve for another year. The Committee will be getting a student representative in the near future. Ms. Glynn will be meeting with the Dean in connection with the vacant appointed position.

#### Proposal for 4<sup>th</sup> Year

Drs. Farrell and Goodridge prepared a draft proposal, for discussion purposes, in connection with selectives in fourth year. It was recommended that the rural, surgery and non-core selectives be discontinued. This three month block can be taken in one month blocks or in two week blocks in (i) Anesthesia or subspecialties in Surgery, either in Cardiovascular, ENT, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery or Urology; (ii) one month of Psychiatry or Medicine Subspecialties, either in Dermatology, Geriatrics, Oncology or Palliative Care; and (iii) one month (not to be broken into two two-week blocks) of Aboriginal or Community Health. It was felt that the Subspecialties in Surgery and the Subspecialties in Medicine should, as much as possible, be completed at MUN.

There were a number of reasons for this suggested change: deterioration observed by Faculty in some students skills between the end of third year and the beginning of residency, as well as a general slip in MUN medical grads standing when compared to other medical schools across the country.

Dr. Farrell noted that there was no student participation in this proposal and he did expect some resistance from the students.

After much discussion, it was agreed that the proposal would be approved in principle and that Drs. Farrell and Goodridge would further investigate the feasibility of this proposal. They will report back to the UGMS Committee in November.

#### Proposed Changes to Summative Assessment Policy

Dr. McKay presented proposed changes to the Pre-Clerkship Summative Assessment Policy. Many of the changes were housekeeping changes; however, the changes to *Appendix B: Problematic Examination Questions* did cause considerable concern, even though the wording, other than “*after an exam review*” had always been part of the policy. There was considerable discussion concerning the appropriateness of failing a student who had initially received a passing grade due to a change in the z-scores as a result of another student’s exam review. After further discussion, with a vote of 7 for; 1 against, it was agreed that the Proposed Changes would be accepted as presented, however, the proposal will be sent back to the subcommittee for further revision.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 in the PDCS Boardroom.

Adjournment at 1740.