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Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee: FAU

Minutes

Monday January 28, 2008

12h00-1h00

Present: Ana Maria Azzarolo, Gauri Agarwal, Julie Belkowitz, Morton Levitt, Daniel Lichtstein, Alex Mitchell (M1 curriculum representative), Garnet Peter, Bill Paull, Rainald Schmidt-Kastner, Julie Servoss, Stephanie Wragg

Absent: Mavis Brown, Ira J. Gelb, Harold Friend,

1. Dr. Servoss called the meeting to order at 12h00.

2. The minutes of the 12-17-08 meeting were approved.

3. M1 Course updates:

FBS 3: started 12-03-07. Dr. Azzarolo has reported that performance on Exam #1 was satisfactory and that exam #2 is under preparation.

Neuroscience and Behavior course: starts 02-04-08. Dr. Schmidt-Kastner reported that cases have been reviewed by the UM curriculum leadership and cases 1-5 are completed, while 6-7 are in advanced states.

Cardiovascular system course: Dr. Agarwal reported that the PBL are all written and in various states of review.

A faculty member with UM appointment will be joining the Simulation Center and will assist with the Tuesday simulation activities (Harvey, MetiMan...).

4. M2 course updates:

GI: Dr. Servoss reported that she and Dr. Levitt have nearly completed the PBL cases and that a mid-March meeting of the faculty teaching in the course will be organized.

Respiratory: Schedule has been drafted and objectives been aligned with UMMSM.

Renal: Schedule is set and first case being written.

Intersession: Dr. Peter reported on the 6-week Intersession that will end at the Holiday Break. A tentative schedule is written and the objectives aligned with UMMSM. The Intersession will start with musculoskeletal content, transition to epidemiology (measurement), infectious disease and epidemiology (hypothesis testing, study design). The Intersession will integrate these topics by using the clinical content of MS and ID to teach epidemiology. The course will follow the 10:10:10:10 schedule but the small-group cases will be more numerous.

5. Old items: The NBME exam will be on February 7th and the class was informed in January. A second memo will follow shortly to inform students about logistics on the day.

6. M1 course review:

Dr. Belkowitz presented on behalf of the IPC1/PS1 course directors. The course report showed that student feedback for IPC1 is very positive. Students are seeing and creating links between the morning and afternoon curricula. Feedback for PS1 is good. Directors are working with the IMP course director to revise overlap between the courses for next academic year. Another area to address is the standardization of the ethics curriculum across the four Learning Communities. Dr. Paull highlighted how PS1 integrated well in content and timing with the gross anatomy content of the FBS course. Dr. Agarwal indicated that the integration continues between PS2 and the Neuroscience and Behavior course.

Dr. Levitt presented the FBS2 report. He commented on the usefulness of reviewing the courses so close to their completion. There was discussion about the weight of Exam #1 and Exam #2 and the amount of material in each exam. For next year, the allocation of the material will be reviewed so that it is more equal. Comments were made about the wireless network in the classrooms was sometimes unable to support web-based testing, an issue which has received much technical attention. Dr. Levitt commented on the ratings received for question 10 of the course evaluation where students appear to struggle to find a link between the lecture/PBL content and the gross anatomy laboratory. Revision of the course will address the Tuesday morning order of sessions to become lecture-cases-dissection.

7. Miscellaneous: Alex Mitchell reported that about 20 M1 students participated in the Keys Health Fair over the January 26-27 weekend. The students were pleased with the organization and the hands-on opportunities. Dr. Schmidt-Kastner suggested that to promote further integration and to help students see links between small-group cases and the rest of the curriculum, the schedule page of the course syllabi should be given to the PBL facilitators.

8. Dr. Servoss adjourned the meeting at 13h00.

Please note the following dates for the 2008 meeting: 4th Monday of the month

February 25 2008

March 24 2008

April 28 2008

June 2 2008 (Due to Memorial Day in preceding week)

June 23 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Servoss

January 28th 2008