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Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee: FAU

Minutes

Monday October 29, 2007

12h00-1h00

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

Absent: Ira J. Gelb, Mark Libow, Garnet Peter

1. Dr. Servoss called the meeting to order at 12h02.

2. The minutes of the 09-24-07 meeting were approved.

3. M1 Course updates:

IPS and PS: began 09-05-07. Dr. Agarwal and Dr. Belkowitz reported that students have completed the sessions on history-taking skills and about to complete the sequence of physical exam skills this week (the neurological and head and neck exam are scheduled for PS2). Students are reporting links between the didactic portion of the curriculum and the clinical practice (e.g. gout in PBL, gout patients in clinic). The PS1 final exam in December is being assembled.

FBS1: ended 10-23-07. Dr Paull commented that the course went well and that he will present his report at the November meeting.

FBS 2: began 10-24-07. Dr Levitt reported that the course has entered its second week and that a dip in class attendance is observed. Alex Mitchell suggested that some students may have become complacent since videos of the regional campus lectures are available and can be screened at 2x speed. He suggested that the next exam results will tell if this is a good strategy. Dr. Levitt is currently assembling questions for the November 19th exam.

FBS 3: Dr. Azzarolo is assembling her course documents and finalizing details (course starts December 3).

Neuroscience and Behavior course: Dr. Schmidt-Kastner reported that a first round of case writing has been completed, so all cases are in draft form.

Cardiovascular system course: Dr Agarwal reported that 5 of the 7 cases are in draft form.

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4. M2 course updates:

GI and nutrition course: Dr Servoss and Dr Levitt reported that learning objectives have been ascribed to didactic and PBL sessions. Cases are outlined and progressing. This course will be the first offered in the M2 sequence.

Respiratory and Renal courses: Dr Wragg indicated that these 2 courses will follow in sequence and that objectives are also being mapped to didactic and PBL sessions. The M2 course order will be different at the Regional and Main campuses in 2008-2009.

PS3 and IPC3: planning also ongoing

5. New items:

Dr. Lichtstein commented that in PBL, students are 'getting it', the self-directed learning is taking place, and there is collegiality in the groups. The wrap-up sessions are improving as students make better use of the faculty resources present. The preparation time for learning issues is variable for each student, but the overlap between didactic and PBL is helping.

The UM Internal Medicine Residency at JFK Hospital has been approved for July 2008. The first allopathic residency in PBC will be split 2/3 at JFK and 1/3 at the VA. It received a 3-year approval and anticipates assigning 22 PGY1 residents via the match. The PGY2 and PGY3 each have 22 slots which may not be filled in the first year. The residency is ambulatory-based and has no overnight call because of the extensive hospitalist programs at these two sites. It should be an attractive site for candidates.

Alex Mitchell reported that students would like to see the faculty-student ratio change at the DoH sites. It is currently at 4 students per faculty and students are finding it difficult to be engaged in the learning process. The exam review process was also discussed: some students find it time-consuming to go the Curriculum Office to review a hard-copy. The process will be re-assessed in terms of keeping the exam secure and optimizing faculty time after the exam writing process.

6. Dr. Servoss adjourned the meeting at 12h35.

Please note the following dates for the remaining 2007 meetings:

Monday November 26

Monday December 17

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Servoss

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