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Year 1 Curriculum Advisory Committee: FAU

Minutes

Monday November 26, 2007

12h00-1h00

Present: Gauri Agarwal, Ana Maria Azzarolo, Julie Belkowitz, Mavis Brown, Ira J. Gelb, Daniel Lichtstein, Alex Mitchell (M1 curriculum representative), Bill Paull, Garnet Peter, Rainald Schmidt-Kastner, Julie Servoss, Stephanie Wragg

Absent: Harold Friend, Morton Levitt.

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

2. The minutes of the 10-29-07 meeting were approved.

3. Course review process:

Dr. Paull reported on the FBS1 course that ran from September 2-October 23 2007. He provided the group with a document summarizing teaching hours, objectives, evaluations and recommendations for next year. Dr. Paull and others commented that students were applying their biomedical knowledge to the patients and also bringing their patient experience into the classroom and PBL setting. In terms of evaluations, Dr. Paull commented on the discrepancy between individual faculty ratings and the overall course ratings. As students get used to the forms and the curriculum more, this may change. The order of the Tuesday morning sessions will be changed for next year (Chalk-talk>case correlations>laboratory). Overall, the course was considered a success given that it's the first biomedical science course of the year.

4. M1 Course updates:

IPS and PS: began 09-05-07. Dr. Agarwal reported the course is going well. The past 2 weeks have focused on more practical skills in the Simulation lab (e.g. injections, suturing). The M2 planning is underway.

FBS 2: began 10-24-07. Dr. Wragg reported for Dr. Levitt that the first exam went well. The final exam is already December 3. The course is shorter than FBS 1 or FBS 3, and interrupted by the Thanksgiving break. The PBL sessions are going well and the dip in class attendance has continued. A discussion on attendance clarified that although lectures are not mandatory, students are encouraged to attend because they complement the cases.

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Faculty at the meeting also mentioned that there is a professionalism component to attending, not just a grade at the end. The issue of knowing students and being able to write recommendation letters becomes easier when students are present and seen by faculty.

FBS 3: Dr. Azzarolo is finalizing details (course starts December 3).The syllabus will be handed out this Friday.

Neuroscience and Behavior course: Dr. Schmidt-Kastner reported that some cases will begin a review process through weekly visits from the UM curriculum leadership in December.

Cardiovascular system course: Dr Gelb indicated that the schedule is being adjusted to accommodate the departure of a faculty member.

IMP: Dr Peter indicated that the M2 year will start with a 'refresher' of the principles that started in IMP in M1 and that are continuing throughout the year.

5. New items:

Dr. Wragg updated the group on the LCME process. The Regional Campus will be providing information for the database to be assembled by committees at the Main Campus. The accreditation visit will be in February 2009. Alex Mitchell brought up a few student issues: students were pleased with being provided scratch paper and an answer sheet during the web-based exams. There are requests that faculty post their latest PPT to one45 and that slides be made as legible as possible. Course directors will relay this to faculty.

Dr. Paull indicated that as department chairs, he and Dr Brew would appreciate early notice of faculty teaching needs to write the annual FAU faculty assignment letters.

6. Dr. Servoss adjourned the meeting at 12h56.

Please note the following dates for the remaining 2007 meeting:

Monday December 17

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Servoss

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