



M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2020

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:03 PM

Chaired by: Dr. Richard Pepler

In Attendance

Drs. Casey, Castiglioni, DeCampi, Dexter, Dil, Gros, Harris, Kay, Kibble, Klapheke, Lambert, Pasarica, Pepler, Rubero, Topping, and Verduin. Ms. Borges, Ms. Corsi, Lessans (M2) Maag (M1), Mikhail (M3), and Wilhelm (M1).

A special called meeting of the Committee was convened on Thursday, April 9 to consider a proposal for the Class of 2022 until clinical activity could be resumed. It was recommended that didactics from core clerkships, LCT, IPE, telehealth and career counseling from Student Affairs be presented from May 11 to August 9. Students would begin clinical activity in the core clerkships on August 10. Six-week rotations will be four weeks; twelve week, eight weeks with no elective in Surgery Clerkship. There will be two intercessions during the year. Grading for the clerkships will be Pass/Fail. **The proposal was unanimously approved.**

The members also approved the following M1/M2 recommendations.

1) Move all courses impacted by the COVID disruption to Pass/Fail grading for this academic year only. This includes HB-3, C-1, S-1, P-1, FIRE-1, S-6 (already P/F) and P-2. The rationale relates to student wellness concerns in general, the difficulty in valid and reliable testing to determine grades/ranking at a time when external variables are differentially affecting students, and the desire to have a uniform policy across the curriculum on dealing with post-COVID grades for MSPE/LCME etc.

2) Move the Epi-Biostats exam to May 22 (last day of the M-1 year). The rationale is a) the NBME exam is no longer available and faculty need time to develop a high-quality testing instrument, b) student performance on the practice test was highly variable, suggesting many would benefit from increased preparation time and perhaps more opportunity to interact with instructors.