



M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Chaired by: Dr. Richard Peppler

In Attendance

Drs. Berman, Castiglioni, Cendan, DeCampi, Dexter, Dil, Gorman, Gros, Harris, Hernandez, Hirumi, Kay, Kibble, Klapheke, Lambert, LaRochelle, Pasarica, Peppler, Rubero, Taitano, Thompson, Topping and Verduin. Ms. Berry, Ms. Borges, Ms. Corsi, Ms. Orr, Ms. Poole, Mr. Vorhees, Lessans (M3), Maag (M2), and Wilhelm (M2).

Approval of Minutes

- July 31, 2020 minutes were approved as circulated.

Student Updates

- M3s: Students are two weeks into their clerkships. There is a slight decrease in patient load due to COVID, but everyone seems to be gaining great learning experiences thus far.
- M2s: There is some concern with the reviewing of the summative assessments, which was addressed during the M1/M2 Subcommittee meeting. Overall, students are doing well.
- M1s: Students are concerned about whether they will be conducting the anatomy lab in person.

Ranking Task Force Update

- The Ranking Task Force voted to approve a revised proposal due to 1) the shift to H/P/F grading in core clerkships and 2) a strong push back from the student body on use of raw scores for ranking.

- CCom member approved the motion to continue to exclude all course or clerkship grades that were changed to P/F due to COVID-19. Revert to the use of a GPA-based rank order for all classes, whereby A/B/C/F = 4/3/2/0 and H/P/F is 4/3/0, per current practice. A joint faculty affairs/student affairs committee meets each year to determine the GPA cut offs for Outstanding/Excellent/Very Good/Good ranking categories, per current practice.

M1/M2 Subcommittee

- A document was shared that outlined a four-phased, data-driven approach for re-introducing COM M1/M2 onsite sessions, which defined session risk, modified session format and mitigation strategies and outlined gating criteria to move from one phase to another. The Data utilized to estimate risk and make decisions is extracted from 1) The Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Data Dashboard 2) The State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).
- Members approved the proposed guidelines to return to M1/M2 onsite, face-to-face activities.

M3/M4 Subcommittee

- Members approved the proposed new 2021-2022 M3 schedule. This schedule:
 - Allows for 3 blocks of M3 electives and 1 “off” block to be taken during the M3 year (this will likely decrease the number of students wanting to delay starting M3 to study for Step). Each M3 elective will have specific prerequisites. One or more of the M3 electives must be a clinical rotation.
 - Provides 12 blocks in M3 for 4-week core clerkships (and 6 blocks of the 8-week clerkships), and thereby allows a 33% reduction in the number of students per block; this gives greater ability to place students more optimally at available clinical sites.
 - Aligns M3 and M4 calendars so that the M3 electives are taken on the same schedule as the M4 calendar; this reduces strain on preceptors offering electives in both the M3 and M4 years.
 - Maintains two Intersessions.
- The 2021-2022 Transition to Core Clerkships will begin at the same time as the M3 Orientation week; for financial aid reasons, it will be considered part of the M2 year.

LCT Subcommittee

- The IPE Health & Wellness Assessment Program that has historically been a face-to-face interaction, has been moved to a virtual program set to begin September 8th through November 20th. Students will be assigned an interprofessional team and have access to a course in Webcourses and a volunteer participant. The announcement for M3 students is going out next week.

Announcements

- Eighty-four (84) students of the Class of 2022 have taken Step 1 with 100% pass. Eighty-five (85) students of the Class of 2021 have taken Step 2 with 100% pass.
- The members of the Lake Nona Center for Well-being Task Force have been identified. The members of the task force will be announced at the next meeting. The task force is tasked with recommending how the College and the Center can collaborate to enhance the MD educational program.
- A request was made to provide committee with the CCom member list.

Action Items

- Dr. Pepler to announce the members of the Lake Nona Center for Well-being Task Force at the next meeting.
- Ms. Borges to forward CCom member list to the committee.