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## M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** October 16, 2020

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:36 PM

**Chaired by:** Dr. Richard Pepler

### In Attendance

Drs. Berman, Casey, Castiglioni, Cendan, Davey, DeCamppli, Dexter, Dil, Fagan, Gorman, Gros, Harris, Hernandez, Kay, Kibble, Klapheke, LaRochelle, Nyenhuis, Pasarica, Pepler, Rahman, Rubero, Selim, Taitano, Topping and Verduin; Ms. Berry, Ms. Borges, Ms. Corsi, Ms. Orr, Ms. Ramdihal, Mr. Staack, and Mr. Vorhees; Mr. Lessans (M3) and Mr. Trice (M3).

### Approval of Minutes

- September 18, 2020 minutes were approved as circulated.

### Student Updates

- M3s: Students are using more simulations and other alternate systems to meet the required clinical experiences on their patient logs. Students will need to be proactive in getting more clinical opportunities.
- M2s: Students just completed their 'combined finals week' with both S2 and S3. The last two weeks have been difficult for many. Students would like to thank the S2 and S3 faculty (Drs. Gros, Daroowalla, Gorman, Simms-Cendan, Kibble, and LaRochelle) for their remarkable initiative working with M2s. In the last few weeks, the faculty worked through many solutions to ease class concerns with the finals and compressed schedule workload, including but not limited to, rescheduling and reformatting exams, producing study guides, releasing further practice questions, re-recording SLMs, and offering extra office hours and Q & A sessions. Faculty communicated closely with student government to solicit class opinion on each of these options and even held an impromptu class meeting less than two days after students reached out, which was attended by more than 100 classmates. This unique combination of diligence, flexibility, and genuine concern for students is an

enormous strength of UCF COM. Adapting to COVID has certainly been a challenge for students and faculty alike, and M2s are glad to have the faculty looking out for them.

### **M1/M2 Subcommittee**

- Due to physical distancing requirements, the M2 curriculum has had much of the P2 curriculum moved into a separate module at the end of the year, which has created a more compressed curriculum. Unfortunately, this has created increased stress and anxiety for learners around the new joint S2/S3 exam, and urgent steps were taken to de-escalate this stress in part by splitting the S2 and S3 exam. Moving forward, the M1/M2 Subcommittee has approved the splitting of the next S5/S6 joint exam into two separate exams delivered at the end of each respective module. **Members approved to separate the module exams into their separate module content delivered at the end of the respective module.**

### **M3/M4 Subcommittee**

- Members requested clarity on the proposed change to separate the IM/FM clerkships with eight weeks of IM and four weeks of FM in the third year for 2021-2022.
- **Excused Absence Policy revisions were approved by members.** This gives students the flexibility to decide whether they take the shelf exam at the regular schedule time or postpone the exam until they make up missed days.
- The first Intersession in December for the M3 year will be two weeks long. The first week begins Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> with face to face activities such as scrub & gown and suture lab. The rest of the week will consist of mid-year OSCEs (virtual one half-day per student) and other on-line activities. The second week will be all on-line. This will allow the possibility of an early return home for students for the holidays. Ms. Orr and Mr. Staack to forward information to students.
- **Members approved the M4 Academic Year Calendar for 2021-2022.**
- **The proposed changes to the Surgery Clerkship were approved by members.** Anesthesia and Ophthalmology will be changed from Surgery "selectives" to "electives" starting with the 2021-2022 academic year.
- **The following 10 course proposals were approved by members.**

- Cardiology M4 Elective-UCF Health-Dr. Gros
- Special Topics in Anesthesiology-Bay Pines-Dr. Warren
- Special Topics in Anesthesiology-Nemours-Dr. Santana
- Special Topics in Anesthesiology-Ocala-Dr. Crimi
- Special Topics in Anesthesiology-Osceola-Dr. Pulaski
- Special Topics in Neurology-Varies
- Special Topics in Ophthalmology-Bay Pines-Dr. Fasula
- Special Topics in Ophthalmology-Orlando VAMC-Dr. Shaikh
- Special Topics in Pediatric Ophthalmology-Nemours-Dr. Fasiuddin
- Special Topics in Psychiatry-Varies

## Grading and Assessment Policy

- Members approved to change the two uses of the word "advocate" with the word "advisor" on page 10 of the Grading and Assessment Policy.

## Curriculum Transformation Update

- Dr. LaRochelle recognized Ms. Amanda Ramos who has been working behind the scenes in keeping the process on schedule and helping to move things along.
- The CTEC recently met with Dean German and Dr. Peppler.
  - ❖ The earliest to adopt a new curriculum will be with the matriculating class of 2027, which puts it back a year from the original timeline. This was accepted by both Dean German and Dr. Peppler.
  - ❖ Dean German would like the task force to consider the cost of the innovation and what the educational value would be for that innovation.
- The task force will be focusing on where they are with their resources and where they think they can go with these resources moving forward.

## Announcements

- The Lake Nona Center for Well-being task force met about a week ago. This group has been tasked with looking at ways that COM can partner with the center in the coming year.
- Ninety-two students from the Class of 2022 have taken Step 1 exam with a 98% pass.

- A total of 108 students from the Class of 2021 have taken Step 2 exam with a 100% pass.
- Dr. Pepler announced he will be retiring June 2021. This will allow him more quality time with his family and will also allow his successor to be in place a few years prior to our next LCME site visit in November 2025.

### **Action Items**

- IM/FM directors to provide more clarity on the proposed change in the IM/FM clerkship for third year students in 2021-2022.
- Ms. Orr and Mr. Staack to forward information to students regarding Intersession I.