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## M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** April 18, 2025

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:28 PM

**Chaired by:** Dr. Jeffrey LaRochelle

**Voting members present:** Drs. Asmar, Beg, Castiglioni, Gros, Klapheke, Lebowitz, Piazza, Rubero, and Slimani; (M1) Nakirikanti and (M2) Rodriguez

**Attendees:** Drs. Bradshaw, Dil, Harris, Hernandez, Kauffman, Kay, Kibble, Lone, Pasarica, Plochocki, Selim, Smith, and Torre; Ms. Borges, Ms. Corsi, Mr. Dearman, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Gillum, Ms. Myszkowski, Mr. Quigley, and Ms. Walton

### Consent Agenda

- **Members approved the following consent agenda items.**
  - Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2025
  - UCF COM Policy 9.9.2 Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (2027): The changes address the inclusion of students that end up with multiple incomplete grades. The committee also amended the language from referring students to the Student Development Committee (SDC) to referring students to the director of coaching of the SDC. Dr. Selim will modify this change in the policy.
  - UCF COM Policy 9.9.2 Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (2028): The changes address the inclusion of students that end up with multiple incomplete grades. The committee also amended the language from referring students to the Student Development Committee (SDC) to referring students to the director of coaching of the SDC. Dr. Selim will modify this change in the policy.
  - UCF COM Policy 9.9.7 USMLE Policy: A logistical process by which students are notified was added.

### M1/M2 Subcommittee – Dr. Kauffman

- **Members approved the following:**
  - M-1 (FIRE I) Revised Learning Objectives: The FIRE project objectives were updated primarily to ensure that it is clear in the objectives that quality improvement projects and literature reviews are appropriate for the FIRE projects.
  - M-2 (FIRE II) Revised Learning Objectives: Minor adjustments related to the new curriculum were made as well as the use of quality improvement projects were made clear in the objectives.

- Faculty Answers Policy Updated: The changes delineate between the different types of learning activities and when and when there will not be faculty answers provided after the session.

### **M3/M4 Subcommittee – Drs. Pasarica/Lone**

- **Members approved the following:**
  - Grading Policy Update: All M3 clerkships will round up final grades to nearest whole number. This was previously in place at the discretion of the clerkship director.
  - IM/FM Grading Change: Final score for Honors was increased from 92% to 93%.
  - Psychiatry Grading Change: Final score for Honors was decreased from 94% to 93%.
  - Surgery Required Clinical Encounters Log: Additions are as follows:
    - 1) Consideration of obesity for surgical risk and recovery.
    - 2) Consideration of substance abuse for surgical risk and recovery.
  - Course Proposal: Evidence-Based Health Promotion: This is a virtual asynchronous M4 elective that provides an in-depth exploration of health promotion interventions with high moderate-high certainty of evidence, focusing on their effectiveness, mechanisms of action, practical application, and review of emerging data.
  - Course Proposal: Foundations of Obesity Medicine: This is a virtual asynchronous M4 elective that explores prevention, diagnosis, and management, emphasizing a multidisciplinary perspective through interactive modules, self-assessment, case studies, and reflective learning.
  - Course Proposal: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Physiatry Rotation: This course is currently an M4 elective. Dr. Griffith at the Orlando VAMC has expanded the opportunity to M3 students.

### **PES Recommendations – Dr. Klapheke**

- **Members approved the following PES recommendations.**
  - PES Recommendations: Foundations Course AY 2024-25
  - PES Recommendations: Ob-Gyn Clerkship AY 2024-25
  - PES Recommendations: Pediatric Clerkship AY 2024-25
  - PES Recommendations: Surgery Clerkship AY 2024-25: There was a change to the wording as follows:
    - ~~Begin weekly didactics, which could:~~ Begin clerkship didactics (frequency and duration to be determined by clerkship leadership), which could:

### **Student Updates**

- M1s: No issues to report.
- M2s: Students received their elective assignments.

## **2024 GQ: Disengagement and Exhaustion – Dr. Pasarica**

- Dr. Daly and Dr. Pasarica are proposing to study, in a systematic way, one of the goals of the curriculum transformation to increase engagement while not increasing exhaustion in students. They would like to add the 16 questions to the end of the year survey that the students complete in M1, M2, and M3. The committee recommended that these questions be submitted separately since the end of the year survey has approximately 100 questions.

## **Announcements/Updates**

- Dr. Harris received an award for his impact on students and all his contributions to the education program.
- Dr. Pasarica was recognized for being the recipient of the University Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award for her scholarly contributions.

## **Action Items**

- PKM will report on how many surveys students are required to complete.