



M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2026

Time: 3:01 PM – 4:22 PM

Chaired by: Dr. Analia Castiglioni

Voting members present: Drs. Asmar, Carrazana, Dexter, Gros, Mehta, Piazza, and Rubero; (M1) Kelley, (M1) Tammaro, (M2) Nakirikanti, and (M3) Cunningham

Attendees: Drs. Arenas Morales, Barron, Dil, Hernandez, Kauffman, Kibble, Pasarica, Selim, Tolentino, Verduin, and Williams; Ms. Berry, Ms. Borges, Ms. Corsi, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Gillum, Mr. Voorhees, and Ms. Walton

Consent Agenda – Dr. Castiglioni

- Members approved of the meeting minutes for February 20, 2026.

Match Update – Dr. Verduin

- Overall, a great match.
- UCF COM had a 98.8% match rate on Monday. The highest so far.
- The specialty with the highest students this year was internal medicine followed by emergency medicine.

M1/M2 Subcommittee – Dr. Kauffman

- Members approved of the *HSS Assessment Proposal*: The current Health System Sciences (HSS) assessment methods rely on essays (individual and group) as well as journal clubs. While these formats promote reflection and collaboration, they create several challenges. The goal of this proposal is to strengthen assessment of individual student learning and accountability in HSS coursework through diversified, learner-specific evaluation methods.

M3/M4 Subcommittee – Dr. Pasarica

- Social Medicine Elective course proposal: The course proposal was tabled due to questions the committee had regarding the dates being offered. Natasha Williams will be invited to the next CCom meeting in April to clarify.

PES Subcommittee – Dr. Castiglioni

- Members approved of the 2025-26 IS-3 Recommendations.

Course Director's recommendations as edited:

- Discuss exams and exam content with class. The issue of Step 2 and management came up in M1/M2 meetings.
- Review endocrine sessions and time usage. Student evaluations indicate they would like more time for other systems.
- Review of reproductive and renal sessions for time usage. Student evaluations indicate they would like more time for consolidation.
- Review the assessment schedule. Some SCEs were on week with TBL or NBME exams.

PES recommendations for Course Director:

- Align course objectives with summative exam in the Clinical Sciences summative assessments.
 - Ensure expectations are clear to the students from the start of the course.
 - Investigate additional feedback opportunities and improve alignment and timeliness of current feedback provided.
 - Evaluate the perception of a lack of “teaching” in clinical skills and look for a solution to alter this perception.
- Redistribute content more evenly across the course and/or provide reasons for frontloading, etc.
- Align selected summative questions with appropriate level for M2s as well as ensure objectives were provided for questions.
- Provide better integration of clinical sciences, health systems sciences and basic sciences when appropriate.
- Provide a strong foundation in anatomy and physiology before beginning the pathological portions of the course.
- Encourage faculty to provide materials in a timely manner and to list mandatory/non-mandatory sessions earlier.

PES recommendations for Curriculum Committee:

- Analyze the content and determine whether specialists are needed for areas such as urology and pregnancy.
- Faculty resources are needed for small group sessions.

- **Members approved of the 2025-26 Peds Recommendations.**

PES recommendations for Curriculum Committee:

- Overall, well organized clerkship with good student evaluations and consistent student satisfaction at all sites.
- Clerkship leadership addressed all AY 24-25 recommendations.
- PES supports the clerkship director's plans to:
 - Incorporate formal in-person didactics each week (1-2 hours) taught by the clerkship director/assistant director/site director/NCH faculty.

- In addition, add a narrative essay as part of the overall final grade as part of the UCFCOM curriculum transformation.

Student Updates

- M1s: Students are hoping the IS-4 midterm is moved to prior to winter break.
- M2s: Students are concerned about the SCE grades for IS-5. Part of the issue is the inconsistent feedback from the faculty. A meeting will be held with Dr. Khan-Assad to discuss.
- M3s: Students are waiting for results from the away matches and for the second block of M4 scheduling to open.

Announcements/Updates

- LCME Update: Very good LCME survey visit outcome. There were six findings, which is a very low number compared to other medical schools. Overall, great report.

Action Items

- Natasha Williams will be invited to the next meeting in April.