



M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2026

Time: 3:01 PM – 4:31 PM

Chaired by: Dr. Analia Castiglioni

Voting members present: Drs. Asmar, Carrazana, Gros, Khan-Assad, Lebowitz, Mehta, Piazza, and Slimani; (M1) Kelley, (M1) Tamaro, and (M2) Nakirikanti

Attendees: Drs. Arenas, Beg, Del Toro, Dil, German, Hernandez, Kibble, Selim, Tolentino, and Verduin; Ms. Berry, Ms. Borges, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Castro, Ms. Corsi, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Gillum, Ms. Hannon, Ms. Walton, and Ms. Williams

Leadership Changes – Dr. German

- Dr. German addressed concerns about the recent leadership changes.

Consent Agenda – Dr. Castiglioni

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

M3/M4 Subcommittee – Dr. Arenas Morales

- Members approved of the course proposal for **Graphic Medicine: Translating Research Elective**: This is an M4 two-week elective that will be offered in February, May, and October. For this rotation, students will participate in activities that will familiarize them with utilizing comics in the research dissemination process.

PES Subcommittee – Dr. Castiglioni

- Members approved of the **2025-26 IMFM Clerkship Recommendations**. PES noted that the IMFM clerkship is a well-structured clerkship meeting objectives with strong outcomes, stable structure and strong clinical site network. Clerkship leadership commended for maintaining comparability of experiences across many sites.

PES Recommendations for Clerkship Director:

- Improve clerkship objectives and assessment alignment
- Continue efforts to maintain comparable experiences across sites
- Evaluate consistency of narrative and H&P feedback

PES Recommendations for Curriculum Committee:

- Routine monitoring

- **Members approved of the 2025-26 Psychiatry Clerkship Recommendations.** PES noted that the Psychiatry clerkship is well structured, educationally sound, and highly valued by students. Learning objectives are clearly met through robust clinical exposure, aligned assessments, and supportive faculty engagement. Student evaluation data reflect strong satisfaction and meaningful learning. Identified challenges are operational in nature and do not detract from the overall quality of the clerkship.

PES Recommendations for Clerkship Director:

- Continue efforts to improve protected time for didactics
- Address site-specific technology and onboarding challenges
- Maintain attention to balance of inpatient and consult-liaison experiences
- Continue faculty/resident evaluation calibration

PES Recommendations for Curriculum Committee:

- Meets expectations with targeted operational continuous quality improvement
- Ensure sufficient faculty leadership to manage workload, grading, recruitment of sites, collaboration of residents (Goal is 40% FTE)

CREATE Task Force – Dr. Castiglioni

- **Members approved of the Alignment of T-Grade Remediation and Final Grade Proposal:** The proposal establishes a unified policy governing T-grade assignment, remediation, and final grade determination across the pre-clerkship and clerkship phases of the MD curriculum. The goal is to ensure consistency in student experience, transparency in grading consequences, and alignment across the curriculum. Under the proposed policy, students who successfully remediate a T-grade in pre-clerkship or clerkship will earn their previous grade, except for honors.
- The committee recommended bringing the CREATE Task Force to a term and establishing a new task force moving forward. The committee also recommended charging a Class Rank Review Task Force.

Student Updates

- M2s: Students have completed Step 1 and are looking forward to clerkships.
- M1s: Overall, students are doing well.

Announcements/Updates

- M1/M2 Retreat on April 10:
 - Main feedback from students:
 - Most compressed course was IS2
 - Most compressed topic was MSK anatomy
 - Consensus of group
 - Reevaluate what is considered “foundational” to be included in Foundations

- Include Basic Anatomy in Foundations. Keep Cadaveric Dissection with detailed anatomy in the IS courses.
- Once this is complete and needed new Foundations length is determined, review the M1 IS courses for what section will be shifted to M2.
- Plan for a proposal before the end of calendar year 2026, so it can be sent to Graduate Curriculum Committee in early 2027 and implemented in AY27/28

Action Items

- Update on the Medical Spanish Program will be presented at the next CCom meeting.