



M.D. Program Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:25 PM

Chaired by: Dr. Marcy Verduin

Voting members present: Drs. Carrazana, Castiglioni, Dexter, Dil, Gros, Khan-Assad, Lebowitz, Mehta, Slimani, and Villacres; (M2) Kelley, (M2) Tamaro, (M3) Nakirikanti, and (M4) Cunningham

Attendees: Drs. Asmar, Bradshaw, Del Toro, Harris, Hernandez, Kauffman, Piazza, Selim, and Tolentino; Ms. Berry, Ms. Borges, Ms. Castro, Ms. Corsi, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Gillum, Ms. Mann, Ms. Myszkowski, Ms. Poole, Mr. Van Blaricom, Mr. Voorhees, and Ms. Walton; (M1) Zakriya

Consent Agenda – Dr. Verduin

- Members approved of the meeting minutes for July 17, 2026.

M1/M2 Subcommittee – Dr. Kauffman

- Members approved of the Longitudinal Pathology/Autopsy and Clinical Correlation Project. The project is designed to integrate foundational and clinical sciences by engaging students in structural/morphologic and pathophysiologic analysis, clinicopathological correlation, and diagnostic reasoning. The project also supports vertical and horizontal integration across the M1-M2 curriculum and reinforces institutional proficiencies in medical knowledge, patient care, and system-based practice. It continues across Integrated Systems courses (IS1-IS5). Timeline: November-March (implementation starts in Academic Year 2026-27 with the CO2030 and moves forward, annually).

M3/M4 Subcommittee – Dr. Del Toro

- Members approved of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) course proposal. This is an existing course being offered at a new location – HCA Lake Monroe.
- PES will review all the current electives and how they are being utilized and report back to the committee.

Faculty Affairs Update – Ms. Berry

- Ms. Berry shared information regarding the clinical teaching modules. The modules were released for clinical teachers based on the faculty development needs assessment that identified opportunities for various sites and specialties involved in the clerkship curricula.

- Information and modules were also sent to the CDL facilitators. Observations, particularly of the new CDL facilitators, will continue, along with providing them with formative feedback.
- Modules have also been sent to the pre-clinical faculty as preparation for moving into Workday Learning. Part of this is building virtual offerings for various audiences.

Student Updates

- M2s: Students raised no immediate concerns and expressed appreciation for Dr. Verduin's recent presentation on building trust, noting its value and recommending similar engagements moving forward. Regarding the M1 curriculum, some confusion arose regarding the advanced content introduced during the first CDL session. Dr. Hernandez clarified that this initial session focused primarily on foundational processes and mechanisms, and confirmed that the core material will be reintroduced in greater depth later in the academic year
- M3s: Overall, students are doing well. There is a concern regarding a specific site, which will be shared with the assistant dean for M3/M4.
- M4s: Students are currently preparing for ERAS season. Dr. Verduin confirmed that typically the mock interviews are completed by their RCA.

Announcements/Updates

- Dr. Verduin introduced Ms. Mann, who will serve as support to the curriculum committee. Ms. Borges will remain behind the scenes.
- Dr. Carrazana gave an overview of the Student Development Subcommittee for AY 2025-26 to create awareness.
- Dr. Verduin shared the Committee Member Expectations and CCom/Subcommittee schedules for AY 2026-27. The dates will be posted on the COM website at [Curriculum News - College of Medicine](#). The committee recommended adding dates for June and July.

Action Items

- PES will review all the current electives and how they are being utilized.