Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Steve Williams, MD – Chair
David Baxter, MD – Vice-Chair

Thursday, September 7, 2017
ECRs Macon and Savannah, DLR Columbus

Members Present:

Marshall Angle, PhD
David Baxter, MD
Susan Cline, PhD
Marie Dent, PhD
Ed Grimsley, MD
Alice House, MD
Jeff Ignatoff, MD
Carolyn Klatt, MLIS
Larry Nichols, MD
E.S. Prakash, MBBS
Kristjan Thompson, PhD
James Thomas, PhD
Peter Uchakin, PhD
Roberta Weintraut, MD
Steve Williams, MD

Others: James Colquitt, PhD; Michael Trainer (Class of 2020)

Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

A course was proposed to provide medical students with early exposure to clinical work and direct exposure to rural and underserved, while promoting team work and inter-professional skills at an early stage of career development. James Colquitt, PhD, presented two options. An executive summary and detailed descriptions of the two options – Medical First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician – were emailed to the CIC members prior to the meeting for review. Discussion followed regarding implications for orientation, financial aid, wheelchair-bound students, curriculum coordination with the two campuses, certification, and faculty qualifications. There was discussion regarding a pilot program rather than a program for the entire class including implications for financial aid, funding, faculty commitment as it would not be an actual course, and the selection process. A motion was made by Susan Cline, PhD, to move forward with the concept of a Medical First Responder Course for the entire class to begin with the Class of 2022. It was seconded by Jeff Ignatoff, MD. There were 11 votes, 9 for
and 2 against. James Colquitt, PhD will be the program director. Details of the program will come back to the CIC by November 2017 with the goal of an implementation date for the fall of 2018. The dates for the program will need to be worked out prior to October to accommodate the curricular calendar. Moving the calendar up a week should accommodate the program.

Dr. Baxter reported that the Savannah Campus will close on Friday at 1:00 p.m. due to Hurricane Irma. Chatham County has mandatory evacuations beginning Saturday morning. Once citizens are required to leave, they cannot return until the county lets people return. The school will be closed on Monday, maybe longer. The date of the upcoming Block 1 Module 1 test will be dependent upon the dates the school will need to be closed due to the hurricane. Memorial Hospital is initiating its hurricane protocol and has asked Mercer 3rd and 4th year students to be out of the hospital by noon on Friday. Labs and classes will need to be rescheduled. A decision regarding closure of the Macon campus will be made over the weekend dependent upon weather patterns.

Dr. House reported that information regarding the Internal Medicine review had been received and changes made. She will present a report to the CDSC next week if the school is open. Mid Year follow-ups for other clerkships will be forthcoming.

Dr. Williams reported that Dr. Klatt sent an email regarding the PBL course that will be shared later.

Dr. Baxter reported that a CDSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday. Three shelf exams are scheduled for next Friday (surgery, pediatrics, and family medicine) which may be impacted if there are closures.

Dr. Williams reported that the first fourth year meeting will be this month. Discussion will include electives, the sub internship, and scheduling.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes by: Carolyn Klatt, MLIS