Curriculum and Instruction Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 7, 2011  
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Attendees:  

Grady Carter, MD  
Marie Dent, PhD  
Robert Donner, MD  
Wayne Glasgow, PhD  
Ashley Horner, PhD  
Jeff Ignatoff, MD  
Balint Kacsoh, MD, PhD  
Carolyn Klatt, MLIS  
Edward Klatt, MD  
Erin Meehan, MSII  
Umangi Patel, MSIII  
Patrick Roche, MD  
Allison Scheetz, MD  
Tina Thompson, PhD, Chair  
Anna Walker, MD  

Absent:  

David Burtner, MD  
Wade Fletcher, MD  
Joseph Harmon, MSI  
Klugh Kennedy, PharmD  
Blanca Lopez, MD  
Abhi Saxena, MSIV  
McKinley Thomas, EdD  
Michael Smith, PhD  
Jerry Tift, PhD  

Call to order  

Dr. Tina Thompson, Chair of the CIC Committee, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.  

Approval of Minutes  

The minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting were presented for the approval of the committee.  

The minutes were approved by acclamation.  

Old Business  

Histology Review – Guest Dr. Balint Kacsoh  

Dr. Thompson introduced Dr. Balint Kacsoh to the Committee. At the January 17th CIC meeting, there was discussion and a number of questions were raised by the Committee regarding concerns with the Histology discipline review.
Areas of concern included:

1. The number of textbooks that are sited for the discipline. Students are overwhelmed with the amount of reading that is assigned to them.
2. Questions arose as to exactly what Histology is trying to emphasize; morphology or sub-biology and if it would help the students if the discipline goals were identified.
3. The Committee also questioned if there was too much histology in the curriculum.
4. If reduced reading, what educational consequences would be anticipated from that reduction.
5. The histology footprint may be too large in our curriculum.

The floor was opened to Dr. Kacsoh to present the histology side of the issues and to ask questions of the Committee. Dr. Kacsoh expressed concern over the student difficulties in the discipline but had no ready solutions. He believes some of the responsibility falls on the students themselves and he also believes that the A & E (CIC) requirement to go to USMLE formatted questions a number of years ago has had a negative impact. Using the Renal phase as an example of discipline difficulties, Dr. Kacsoh admitted that the discipline study guide, references, resources and questions were subpar. The reasons for this were many. He would support more careful review of these components in future phases. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Kacsoh was thanked for coming to the meeting.

The committee agreed that there needs to be a game plan to address the concerns with Histology. The goal of the CIC is how to improve the discipline to assure that their material is delivered appropriately and the students, if they study as they should, master the material that is necessary for them to practice medicine.

After another lengthy discussion, Dr. Thompson agreed to locate and forward the objectives and goals of the Histology discipline to the committee for their review. She stated that she has offered to purchase a slide program for Histology since very few medical schools have microscopic labs anymore.

Dr. Thompson will distribute the goals and objectives of the histology discipline to the CIC. She will also obtain a list of all the primary references so the Committee will have a better sense of how much reading is required. Carolyn Klatt volunteered to investigate a few pro-imaging programs that might be available commercially that are used in histology programs across the United States and Canada. Hopefully these programs can be shared with Histology offering them as a possible source, especially if the CIC recommends cutting some of the resource references.

**New Business**

**Pathology Review**

Due to time constraints, this topic will be presented at the next CIC meeting.

**Pediatric ENT Elective**
Dr. Scheetz presented an ENT elective with Dr. Poole in Savannah. Dr. Scheetz noted that the SGE has been approved by the 4th Year Subcommittee.

*The CIC unanimously affirmed the approval of the SGE by the 4th Year Subcommittee.*

**Longitudinal and Capstone Courses Committee Members and Charge**

Dr. Thompson presented the names of the committee members and asked for approval of the CIC Committee. Dr. Donner asked that the CIC charge committees with designing the curriculum of the capstone and longitudinal courses.

Capstone Course Committee members/representation

- Allison Scheetz, MD – Chair
- Tina Thompson, PhD – Basic Science
- Marie Dent, PhD – Community Medicine
- Martin Greenberg, MD – Ethics
- Grady Carter, MD – Faculty Member
- Marcia Hutchinson, MD – Hospital Administration - Macon

Dr. Thompson stated that the Year 3 and 4 students will be asked to nominate a medical student to represent them on this committee.

Longitudinal Course Committee member/representation

- Marie Dent, PhD – Chair
- Drs Donner and Martin – Basic Science
- Marie Dent, PhD – Community Medicine
- Richard Elliot, MD, PhD, Ethics
- David Burtner, MD – Faculty Member
- Ra Meguiar, MD – Hospital Administration - Savannah

Dr. Donner noted that Dr. Ed Clark has agreed to also be on this committee representing the clerkship directors.

*Membership of both of these Committees was approved by the CIC.*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Minutes transcribed by:
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