Curriculum and Instruction Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 2, 2011

Attendees:

Marie Dent, PhD  
Wayne Glasgow, PhD  
Grady Carter, MD  
Carolyn Klatt, MLIS  
Edward Klatt, MD  
Blanca Lopez, MD  
Patrick Roche, MD  
Ashley Horner, PhD  
Mike Smith, MD  
Tina Thompson, PhD, Chair  
Robert Donner, MD  
Jerry Tift, PhD  
McKinley Thomas, EdD

Absent:

David Burtner, MD  
Klugh Kennedy, PharmD  
Wade Fletcher, MD  
Abhi Saxena, MSIV  
Allison Scheetz, MD  
Umangi Patel, MSIII  
Erin Meehan, MSII  
Joseph Harmon, MSI  
Jeff Ignatoff, MD  
Guest: Robert Pallay, MD

Call to order

Dr. Tina Thompson, Chair of the CIC Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting were presented for the approval of the committee.

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

New Business

Dr. Thompson presented an overview of the proposed 3 yr. accelerated curriculum track for Family Medicine for discussion and approval. (See attached materials). A general overview of the program, admission criteria, student advancement and a curricular calendar was provided.

Dr. Bina has met with the FM chairs about the program and they support. Dr. Pallay in Savannah and Dr. Girton in Macon have been heavily involved with program development.
Once we have approval from the CIC to proceed with the implementation of the program, a letter of intent will be sent to LCME. The program will be announced to the entering class of 2015. The curriculum will be finalized and then the pilot program will start on June 18, 2012. We anticipate no more than 4 students/campus.

Dr. Pallay expressed a great deal on confidence and excitement about the program. He thought that the positives far outweigh the negatives. He has discussed this program with his faculty and colleagues at other institutions and the feedback is all positive. The critical step is to choose the right student who is going to make a great family doctor.

Dr. Thompson opened the floor for questions:

- It was brought up that perhaps Macon was not as enthusiastic about the program as Savannah was. Dr. Thompson agreed with this but stated that she has met with Fred Girton and he is excited about the possibility. It will be important for the whole faculty to be on board in Macon before the program is implemented or it will not be fair to the students. Overall Macon faculty appear to be interested but need more information before they are ready to commit wholeheartedly.
- Dr. Grady Carter asked to consider some flexibility on the requirements for entry into the program. He did not want to have a student overlooked just because they did not meet every requirement. We may lose out on some very good students who will make good family doctors and maybe just had difficulty in one area of the curriculum.

It was pointed out in discussion that Mercer will be at the forefront by starting this pilot program and this is something very positive for the college. It does fit in well with our mission statement.

It is more likely that the students who a part of the program will choose to do their residency at one of our hospitals because of the relationships they have built with the Family Medicine faculty.

The main point taken away from the discussion is the program is something that will be very good for the college and that the goal is to pick the right student who will embrace the curriculum and become an excellent family doctor.

Motion: This proposal was received as a motion (to approve the ACT-FM proposal and move forward with implementation phase) from a task force of the CIC and did not warrant a second. Approved 10-0-0

SGE’s

Heather Short and Jennifer Brostrand
Rural Private Practice in General Surgery (Sandersville)

Both of these electives were approved pending changing the form to include that the written summary will be evaluated by the preceptor.

Ross Holwerda
MUSM Vascular and Interventional Radiology Elective

This was approved unanimously by the committee.

**Old Business**

Dr. Thompson brought up that the Histology action plan goals have been updated. There is a commitment from Drs. A.J. Srivastava and Jeff Ignatoff to assist in the process. Dr. Thompson will go to Macon to meet with the Histologists. She will outline the goals and strategy and ask for them to work creatively to meet these goals. The discipline will provide a proposal to the CIC for approval (July 14, 2011) and implementation by August 8th.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07PM

Minutes recorded by:
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