Call to order

Dr. Tina Thompson, Chair of the CIC Committee, called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting were presented for the approval of the committee.

*The minutes were approved by acclamation.*

New Business

1. First order of business was to review a proposal from the PCC concerning MDE questions. A review of the item analysis of all MDE questions for the past 2 years was undertaken. Dr. Ed Klatt presented a power point showing the graphic representation of these data based on a distribution of difficulty and discrimination. Based on this analysis, the PCC is recommending that: 1) questions that have a difficulty index of .90 (meaning that 90% of the class missed the question) or more be dropped and 2) questions that have a difficulty index between .80-.90 and have a discrimination index less than -0.1 will be dropped. Dr. Klatt presented data that had these
standards been in place over the last year, less than 10 questions total would have been dropped. Discussion by the CIC members lead to the conclusion that there needs to be a standard established concerning the difficulty and difficulty/discrimination ratio for the MDE questions. These types of questions are either inherently too difficult; cover concepts which are beyond the scope of the educational level of the student or are poorly addressed by learning objectives and/or educational materials provided to the students. Once a question has been removed, it should be the responsibility of the discipline faculty to determine the reason for the poor performance and adjust as necessary prior to the next academic year. Dr. Klatt was asked to send the proposal to the question writer faculty for comment. That information will be brought back to the PCC for consideration prior to sending a final proposal to the CIC. This proposal is due the third week in January.

2. The second order of business was to review the Challenge Appeal Process. Dr. Donner informed the CIC that after the Cardiology exam, the question challenge was initiated. There were approximately 30 challenges and only 2 or 3 were accepted. The students were very unhappy and approached Dr. Donner. The President of the class in Macon submitted a request for review of the current challenge process. The students felt that 2 categories of the challenges were not handled correctly. They felt that current BMP policies were not followed (a power point was presented with the current policies) and that challenges were not taken seriously. The CIC agreed that this is an issue that needs to be addressed as well as further steps that can be taken by the students if they do not feel that the challenge was handled appropriately. First, the CIC reaffirmed that the current policies must be enforced, failure to abide by the policies should be handled administratively by the faculty member’s Chair and/or the Dean as necessary. Second, Dr. Ed Klatt will organize a task force to develop an MDE challenge process and policy. This task force should include PCC and non-PCC question writing faculty. This process and policy should be ready to present at a February CIC meeting.

3. The last order of business was to address the proposal brought to the CIC by the 4th year committee to allow the ER selective to be taken at an academic medical center or a military hospital. It has become very difficult to schedule all of the students in Savannah and Macon for their ER rotation. The 4th year committee came up with the proposal to allow this selective to be taken off campus. The CIC agreed in principle with this solution but feels that each away facility must provide that same type of experience as those provided by Memorial and MCCG. The CIC asks that the 4th year committee seek the guidance of the ER faculty and develop minimum standards which must be met by each ER to qualify as a substitute for the on-campus experience. This information is expected for the December 15 CIC meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM

Minutes recorded by:
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