Curriculum and Instruction Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2012

Attendees:

Robert Donner, MD
Carolyn Klatt, MLIS
Edward Klatt, MD
Jeff Ignatoff, MD
McKinley Thomas, EdD
Michael Smith, PhD
David Burtner, MD
Roberta Weintraut, MD

Ashley Horner, PhD
Alec Ridley, MSI
Tina Thompson, PhD, Chair
Wayne Glasgow, PhD
Steve Williams, MD
Blanca Lopez, MD
Heather Henry, MSII

Absent:

Wade Fletcher, MD
Umangi Patel, MSIV
Klugh Kennedy, PharmD
Marie Dent, PHD

Jerry Tift, MD
Grady Carter, MD
Erin Meehan, MSIII
Ed Perkins, 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 from the January 19, 2012 meeting were presented for approval of the committee.

*The minutes were approved by acclamation.*
New Business

1. The first order of business was to vote on the changes to the Community Medicine Mission, Values and Goals. Dr.’S Dent and Smith made initial revisions to the current missions, values and goals and then presented them to faculty who made some more changes. They then came up with the final revision and it was presented to the CIC. A vote was taken and the motion was approved with 7 in favor and 2 abstentions.

2. The second order of business came from Dr. Burtner and involved a motion to modify the current policy of what happens to students who start a clerkship in their 3rd year and then find out that they did not pass Step 1. Currently policy is the following: a student would begin their 3rd year and then when they find out that they did not pass Step 1 they would be pulled from the clerkship and not given any credit for the time completed. They would have to retake Step 1 before they could begin the next clerkship. Dr. Burtner’s proposal is the following: Students who have taken Step 1 are allowed to start the 3rd year clerkship. If they subsequently learn that they have failed Step 1, they will complete the clerkship they are on including all assessments. They will then go on Independent Study for a period of up to 6 months to prepare for the boards. Once they take the boards they will again be allowed to start at the next available clerkship. Dr. Thompson addressed the fact that we would need to get approval from the registrar to make certain that this was acceptable. A vote was taken and approved unanimously pending approval from the registrar.

Old Business

Dr. Klatt addressed the issue of the new MDE question quality policy. The CIC reviewed the new policy a few meetings ago and had asked that it be sent out for feedback. It was sent out to the Phase Coordinators and discipline heads and met with objection. It is now being brought back to the CIC. Dr. Klatt summarized the input he had received from the question writing faculty and the discipline head’s group and the PCC. The question writing faculty were equally split on the issue. The discipline head’s group voted against the proposal and the PCC group voted in favor of the proposal. Dr. Thompson told the CIC that she was asked to review the data from the HD exam to see what impact this policy would have had on that one exam. It would have led to 3 questions being thrown out and 1 student who failed would have passed. The flood was opened for discussion. Dr Weerasuriya was given an opportunity to present his argument against the proposal which had previously been expressed in the discipline head’s group and in email responses to Dr. Klatt. CIC members voiced support for the proposal but some concern over the potential impact “student puntiing” had on the original data collection. The discussion began to address issues peripheral to the motion at hand and discussion was suspended for continuations at a future meeting. Information on individual questions identified as problematic in the original analysis will be made available to the CIC members at that time.
Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57PM

Minutes recorded by:
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