Curriculum and Instruction Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2013

Attendees:

Carolyn Klatt, MLIS
Edward Klatt, MD
McKinley Thomas, EdD
Wayne Glasgow, PhD
Robert Weintraut, MD
David Baxter, MD
Phillip Lunsford, MSIII

Tina Thompson, PhD, Chair
Grady Carter, MD
Dominique Broccoli, PhD
Steve Williams, MD
Chelsea Bayer, MSI
Robert Donner, MD
Guest: Oliver Whipple, MD
Dean Malan

Absent:

Wade Fletcher, MD
Ashley Horner, PhD
Roy Russ, PhD
Jeff Ignatoff, MD
W. Patrick Roche, MD

Erin Meehan, MSIV
Blanca Lopez, MD
Michael Smith, PhD
Alec Ridley, MSII

Call to order

Dr. Tina Thompson, Chair of the CIC Committee, called the meeting to order at 4:35PM.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 7, 2013 meeting were presented for approval of the committee.

The minutes were approved by acclamation.
New Business

1. The first order of business for Dr. Whipple to present a proposal to the CIC for discontinuation of the OSCE in the surgery clerkship. Dr. Whipple began his proposal by going over the 4 main goals of the surgery clerkship: 1) To expose learners to surgery and its discipline, 2) to recognize conditions that require surgical consultation, 3) to take a history, perform a physical exam, construct a differential diagnosis, select relevant lab and radiological tests, and form a therapeutic plan of management for common general surgical conditions, 4) to work with practicing surgeons and residents who are: actively engaged in the care of surgical patients, committed to the values of compassion, communication, ownership, and teamwork; engaged in evidence-based medicine and life-long learning. He noted that goals 2 & 3 are the only ones relevant to the OSCE. Dr. Whipple meets with the students each week, for about an hour, and specifically address goal #3. Goal #2 is met throughout the entire 8 week clerkship and is more comprehensive than what is done in the OSCE. Based on this information, Dr. Whipple would like for the surgery clerkship (on all 3 campuses) to be allowed to “opt-out” of the OSCE program starting next year. The floor was opened for discussion. A motion was made by Dr. Baxter (2nd by Dr. Williams) that each clerkship be allowed to decide if the goals and objectives of the clerkship are met without the OSCE and if so, then they be allowed to “opt-out”. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

2. The second order of business was for Dr. Williams to present a motion to the CIC, from the 4th year committee, to adopt the current Geriatrics Medicine Elective in Columbus and the current Hospice and Palliative Care Elective in Savannah as Selectives for the rising 4th year students. Macon currently has Geriatrics and Palliative Care as an option for a selective, and this would give the Savannah and Columbus students the same options. Columbus students would only get the Geriatrics portion of the selective and Savannah students would only get the Palliative/Hospice portion of the selective, but he feels this would still be a positive option. The floor was open for discussion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. The last order of business was for Dr. Donner to give a review of the Step 1 scores. He informed the committee that the Class of 2014 had 101 students take the test with a 94% pass rate. The national average was 95%. The mean score was 217 and the national score was 227. This classes scores were lower than previous classes. The Class of 2013 had 88 students take the test with a 98% pass rate. The mean score was 226 and the national average was 224.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

Minutes recorded by:
Leigh Anne Kirkland