
Clerkship Committee (CC)

APPROVED

Tuesday April 13, 2021

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. K. Busche (chair), T. Ayas, K. Darcus, J. Desy, G. Gelfand, G. Greenfield, W. Harris-Thompson, A. Harvey, J. Haws, T. Jablonski, R. Kachra, J. LaMothe, M. Louis, B. Meatherall, A. Mineyko, S. Mohan, S. Lopushinsky, S. Weeks, S. Wicklum, Mr. M. Paget, Ms. T. Pander, Ms. S. Tai, Ms. D. Jean (admin)

Regrets: Drs. K. Albrecht, S. Bannister, D. Fu, N. Hardcastle, L. Hinz, F. Jivraj, N. Johnson, A. Kassam, C. Naugler, C. O'Shaughnessy, K. Ragan, R. Ram, J. Vantanajal, M. Walter, H. Yoon, Mr. S. Bell, Ms. S. George, Ms. T. Hawes, Ms. K. Kenny, Ms. E. Lindquist, Mr. A. Maini, Ms. L. Palmer

1. Welcome and Thanks

The meeting was conducted through Zoom and was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Dr. K. Busche (Chair). Welcome to members and a brief overview of what the meeting would entail. Also welcomed and introduced Dr. Steve Lopushinsky as the new Surgery Clinical Department Representative.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2021 – two abstained, motion Passed.

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Nothing to report.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Busche updated the committee that Dr. Artan Reso has stepped down from his Clerkship role with his replacement being Dr. Steve Lopushinsky, which was approved through UMEC.

4.3 Pre-Clerkship Committee Update

Dr. Weeks' had no major updates but noted that the Class of 2023 had just moved to the second year and were finishing their Career Exploration week, which seems to be reviewed well so far. She noted that Course 4 has the initial plan of doing half of their small groups in person have gone back to being online due to COVID-19. Exams are still being planned to move back to all in person, well distanced and in multiple theatres. Dr. Weeks also informed the committee that Medical Skills are continuing in an in-person setting at this time, with plans in place should it need to be moved to online learning again.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Desy informed the committee that the Clerkship OSCE went very well and the exam team was analyzing the data and producing the scores within the week following this meeting. Dr. Harvey is in the process of meeting with the clerkships to finalize any changes to the upcoming exams for the clerkship year.

5. Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Visiting Electives

Dr. Busche updated the committee that the information from the previous meeting of visiting electives could return in the fall is still the most up-to-date information that is available at this time.

5.2 Clerkship Capacity

Dr. Busche explained to the committee that at the last meeting discussion included lots of questions around the capacity of the clerkship rotations and the potential of moving things around should visiting electives start up again. Thinking beyond this class years, he wants to look at how the Class of 2023 clerkship, starting next January, will be made to run the algorithm as efficiently as possible. Dr. Busche included that the reason the Class of 2022 clerkship algorithm function actually worked as well as it did was due to students willing to accept having electives at different times than originally planned. Would like to avoid having to ask for students to move around their schedules going forward. Dr. Busche indicated the hope is to have more capacity up front from each rotation, using the maximum capacity available and then give back any unused spots back to the rotations. Mr. Paget confirmed that we aren't looking for more spots, just get the flexibility in numbers for each rotation. Mr. Paget presented some data showing how flexibility can impact the lottery process for the class.

5.3 Interim Accreditation Meeting

Dr. Busche updated the committee about the upcoming interim accreditation as discussed in our previous meetings. Announced that there will be an pre-accreditation meeting and more documentation will be sent out after adjournment of this meeting.

5.4 Vaccinations

Dr. Busche informed the committee that medical students are now available to receive their first COVID-19 Vaccination as of April 12th.

6. New Business

6.1 Variant of Concern Outbreaks

Dr. Busche updated the committee of the recent variant outbreaks that have recently taken place within the hospitals in the city and noted that the clerks that were in these areas have been removed and placed elsewhere.

6.2 Junior Clerkship Feedback

Dr. Harvey presented the feedback for the four day Junior Clerkship that the class of 2022 did during their first four week block prior to the start of clerkship. This feedback is presented differently than most as this is required more anonymity and with hopes that this was a one off experience due to COVID. He noted that the response rate was fairly good with reviews coming from all different disciplines. The overall rating from the students for the Junior Clerkship was a 4.29/5 overall. Strengths included having clinical opportunities, teaching from preceptors and there was appropriate expectations for the block. Weaknesses included communications regarding scheduling and the expectations or goal of the block, the length of the block with students wanting more than a four day experience, and the ability to have more rotation options.

6.3 EPA Reminder

Dr. Busche informed the clerkship directors to keep reminding their departments and preceptors about the Entrustable Professional Activity (EPA) Evaluations. Each student is required to complete a minimum of 43 successful EPA's over the course of their clerkship. This prompts more preceptor feedback to students on how to be more successful going forward.

7. Clerkship Reports

7.1 Psychiatry

Dr. Ayas presented the Psychiatry report. Dr. Ayas informed the committee that there was a new structure to the Psychiatry clerkship with having 4 weeks of Adult Psychiatry and the 2 weeks of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry separated during the year with the Child & Adolescent being coupled with another pediatric rotation to make a four week block which did change in some ways when COVID happened. Most notable

changes included academic half days were done online, shortened the rotations to four weeks total, lectures were recorded over zoom and available on Osler, including the removal of four lectures due to the shortening of the rotation. He noted that the students have done well overall noting no failures, and feedback has been consistent with the last few years.

Proposal: Dr. Busche proposed to accept the Psychiatry Clerkship Report as it was presented today.

First: Mr. M. Paget
Second: Dr. S. Weeks
All in favour.

7.2 Internal Medicine

Dr. Kachra presented the Internal Medicine report. Dr. Kachra noted different challenges including the call requirements in Internal Medicine, noting that each location may require different amounts of call shifts which is noted as a challenge for students. Other weakness include not enough procedures, too short of a rotation, complicated patients, and not getting the ability to follow up with admitted patients. Strengths include the teaching, hands-on learning experiences, call shifts, supported and safe learning environment. Going forward Dr. Kachra said they will continue to evaluate the impact of non-sequential blocks, updating teaching curriculum, re-assessing summative MCQ exams, and revamping the core doc. He also noted that they will be updating the MTU orientation and restructuring MTU as a whole. Dr. Kachra added that feedback is consistent with the last few years with the overall being above a 4/5 rating and two unsatisfactory students.

Proposal: Dr. Busche proposed to accept the Internal Medicine Clerkship Report as it was presented today.

First: Dr. M. Louis
Second: Dr. J. LaMothe
All in favour.

Dr. Busche thanked everyone for attending and for their discussion. He let the committee know that the next meeting will be on Tuesday June 1st at 12:30pm via Zoom, where Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics will present.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:18 p.m.

Minutes by: Danielle Jean

Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche