



Clerkship Committee (CC) Minutes

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APPROVED

Tuesday February 16, 2021

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. Kelly Albrecht, Kevin Busche (chair), Karl Darcus, David Fu, Gary Gelfand, Gavin Greenfield, Weronika Harris-Thompson, Adrian Harvey, Jolene Haws, Teresa Killam, Meira Louis, Christopher Naugler, Rithesh Ram, Sarah Weeks, Ms. Yuan Burton, Ms. Suzanne George, Ms. Shannon Leskosky, Mr. Mike Paget, Ms. Tania Pander, Ms. Sibyl Tai, and Ms. Danielle Goss (admin)

Regrets: Drs. Tim Ayas, Susan Bannister, Janeve Desy, Nina Hardcastle, Laura Hinz, Farah Jivraj, Nicole Johnson, Rahim Kachra, Aliya Kassam, Jeremy LaMothe, Aleksandra Mineyko, Suneina Mohan, Caroline O'Shaughnessy, Kelsey Ragan, Artan Reso, Jimmy Vantanajal, Michaela Walter, Sonja Wicklum, Hyea Min Yoon, Ms. Laura Ansell, Mr. Scott Bell, Ms. Tabitha Hawes, Ms. Kathy Kenny, Ms. Erica Lindquist, and Mr. Arjun Maini

1. Welcome and Thanks

The meeting was conducted through Zoom and was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Dr. K. Busche (Chair). Welcome to members and a brief overview of what the meeting would entail.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2021 – Passed unanimously.

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Ms. George updated the committee on the reports from the students. She included that the class of 2021 had just finished submitting their CaRMS applications and were awaiting interview invites. She stated that as a whole clerkship was going well. For the class of 2022 she noted that they were just starting into their clerkship with recently finishing their Jr. Clerkship and Bootcamps and were just getting into their clerkship year with electives, course 8, CEL, or IPE blocks. Most electives have been booked and some students are still waiting on later elective dates, overall enjoying their new steps into clerkship. As for the class of 2023 Ms. George gave the update that they were just starting course 3 and the students were to be going into their Career Exploration Electives and are very excited for this to come.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Naugler's update included the formation of the EDI subcommittee and the TOR for the subcommittee had been circulated for comments and a vote would be set out later that week. Dr. Naugler also noted that there could be some impact to come for the curricular redesign that is taking place through RIME, which had gained approval at the most recent UMEC meeting. There will be regular updates that will be brought to the Clerkship Committee for discussion topics. The only other updates from UMEC were some ToR changes for the Competency Committee and the Pre-Clerkship Committee.

4.3 Pre- Clerkship Committee Update

Dr. Weeks gave updates to the committee that course 3 has begun and as per the request of both faculty and students it has continued to be in an online format. Career Exploration Elective weeks now begin the week of March 22nd for the class of 2023. The evaluation has changed for these electives as these are meant as a learning experience for the students to try out different disciplines. The ITER comments will not be included in the MSPR any longer and the evaluation will become simpler for the purposes of learning. Dr. Weeks identified that these will be more like a shadowing experience and will take place at three different points in their pre-clerkship training. Dr. Weeks also updated the committee that there has been no decision on the numbers for the Class of 2024 at this time.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there are no updates however, there is one topic related to SEC to be discussed (see section 5.1 below).

5. Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Class of 2022 Clerkship Planning

Dr. Busche gave a few updates to the committee including that there will be no visiting electives now until September 2021 at the earliest. There will be no local restrictions on the number of elective weeks that can be booked in any discipline, however, we will still follow the AFMC limit of eight weeks of electives in any specialty. On average, the Jr. Clerkship week evaluation was higher than any other one-week review from clerkship. Dr. Busche brought forward a discussion topic for the next Student Evaluation Committee meeting about Clerkship ITERs; Dr. Busche indicated that across the country MSPRs are different in all the schools some include all the ITER comments, some schools do not use any comments, and there are schools that are somewhere in between. Historically some residency programs were requiring having full copies of the students' ITERs be sent to the school along with their applications, this is now no longer being allowed. Dr. Busche stated that the goal here is to go back to our old version of the comment section in the clerkship ITERs with the two different comment boxes, one that will be used on the MSPR and the other that is for UME or student viewing only.

5.2 Site Outbreak Planning

No current updates.

6. New Business

6.1 Class of 2023 Clerkship Planning

Dr. Busche updated the committee that the class of 2023 will begin Clerkship in January of 2022, he went over the structure of how the Clerkship year was formatted for the classes. Dr. Busche stated that began for the class of 2021 in January of 2020, which then only had two-months of this Clerkship before everything got shut down due to COVID. He discussed that the committee needs to think about how to get planning for the class of 2023, how they want the rotations and electives to look and which plan is better suited to this class. Dr. Louis is in favor of the staggered booking time for elective time blocks as it seems to be beneficial to both students and departments. There was lots of conversation with the electives and mandatory rotations and different planning ideas for the Clerkship going forward with the class of 2023.

6.2 Accreditation Site Visit May 2021

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there is an interim accreditation site visit occurring on May 4th and 5th here at the UME. He informed the committee that there will be a meeting with clerkship committee representatives with the accreditors on May 5th at 9:45 am.

Dr. Busche announced that he would forward more accreditation information to the committee.

7. Clerkship Reports

7.1 Emergency Medicine

Dr. Greenfield presented the Emergency Medicine report for the Class of 2020 (Appendix A). The presentation showed that there were seven shifts with a full day and a half day of academic teaching. There were 13 students that didn't complete their Emergency Medicine rotation, due to COVID. New updates included the nursing block, updated exam, and moved to the Cards platform. Dr. Greenfield went further into saying this year for the class of 2021 the rotations have been shortened to one-week blocks and tied in with the Anesthesia to make up two weeks, going forward for the class of 2022 they will be reverted back to the two-week rotations.

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

First: Mr. Paget
Second: Dr. Harris-Thompson
All in favour.

7.2 Electives

Dr. Louis presented the Electives report for the Class of 2020 (Appendix B). Discussion largely was based on how COVID affected Electives for this class, through various cancelled electives and the restrictions of visiting electives. She discussed the different types of electives and how many were completed in each of them, and where they took place, this of course this year indicated an over 20% increase in those being in Calgary. Dr. Louis described how going forward with the Class of 2021 has their electives, including the options noted earlier for the different combinations after Junior Clerkship and Bootcamp being either Electives or Course 8/IPE/online rotations. The focus going forward was noted to be ensuring fair access to elective time including limits locally on capacity, ongoing changes to capacities due to the pandemic, and that some departments are currently not taking students at all.

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

First: Mr. Paget
Second: Dr. Harvey
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 March 16th at 12:30pm via Zoom, where UCLIC and Course 8 will be presenting.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:20 p.m.

Minutes by: Danielle Jean

Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche