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## Clerkship Committee (CC)

### APPROVED

Tuesday March 1, 2022

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

**Attendees:** Drs. K. Busche (chair), K. Darcus, J. Desy, G. Gelfand, W. Harris-Thompson, A. Harvey J. Haws, T. Jablonski, M. Louis, B. Meatherall, A. Mineyko, C. Naugler, R. Ram, J. Vantanajal, Ms. N. Bergert, Ms. C. Heshka, Ms. S. Leskosky, Mr. M. Paget, Ms. T. Pander, Ms. D. Stanojevic, Ms. S. Tai, Ms. J. McNeill (admin)

**Regrets:** Drs. T. Ayas, S. Bannister, S. Bates, D. Fu, G. Greenfield, N. Hardcastle, L. Hinz, F. Jivraj, N. Johnson, R. Kachra, A. Kassam, J. LaMothe, S. Lopushinsky, S. Mohan, M. Walter, S. Weeks, H. Yoon, Mr. S. Bell, Mr. M. Bondok, Ms. K. Fu, Ms. S. George, Ms. E. Lindquist, Ms. L. Palmer

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### 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. Dr. Busche introduced our newest committee member Ms. Dragana Stanojeciv from the DLRI office. He then noted the two members who will be leaving the committee, Dr. Gavin Greenfield and Dr. Meira Louis.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2022 – Passed unanimously.

### 4. Standing Updates

#### 4.1 Student Reports

Nothing to report, as students were unable to attend.

#### 4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Naugler informed the committee that there has been no UMEC meeting recently, and he currently has nothing to report.

#### 4.3 Pre-Clerkship Committee Update

Dr. Busche updated the committee, in Dr. Weeks' absence that the students are returning to in person small groups and other learning events. He also informed the committee that when attending the University in any capacity that the masking requirement is still in place.

#### 4.4 Student Evaluation and Research Committee Update

Dr. Desy updated the committee that there are no updates for the SEC committee. She informed the committee that they are starting to implement the new versions of the clerkship exams, which she and Dr. Harvey will review feedback on and see if there are changes that will need to be made going forward. Dr. Desy's update included the announcement of a new reappraisal chair in Dr. Bendiak. She went over the

reappraisal process and hopes to put together a package for the process of how it works and what the process entails. Dr. Desy included that there are no current updates for the research committee at this time.

#### **4.5 PGME Update**

Dr. Mineyko informed the committee that there are no major updates from the PGME at this time. She did include that from her previous updates the residency training position selection document is completed and is included in this update. This is developed to improve the current CaRMS process for all programs that were interested for resident selection.

### **5. Arising from the Minutes**

#### **5.1 Class 2023 Update**

Dr. Busche reminded the committee that for the Class of 2023 there will be no visiting electives as confirmed through the AFMC. He included that the new elective portal will be up and running with goals for the late spring.

### **6. New Business**

#### **6.1 Cards 3.0**

Mr. Paget presented the new updates to the Cards platform. He went through the different sections that are available, how it looked, and how it works for students and preceptors. He explained the different types of cards and things available to accompany learning through noting card decks as harder or easier, when things are right and wrong, and different achievements for students to aim for when using the cards platform. Mr. Paget and Dr. Busche informed the committee that there is always room to expand and grow cards into more learning opportunities for the students.

#### **6.2 Time Away Allowances on Rotations**

Dr. Busche indicated that each clerkship rotation allows students to miss a certain amount of time when needed without the need for make-up time. He explained that for hospital based rotations it's a certain number of days over the clerkship and for outpatient rotations a minimum number of clinics need to be completed. Discussion took place around different options and opinions for each rotation and time off for the students.

#### **6.3 Feedback in Logbook – Surgery and Others**

Dr. Busche informed the committee that the surgery clerkship currently is struggling with preceptors providing midpoint feedback to the clerks, and has been flagged by accreditation because the midpoint feedback is substantially less than in other rotations. A possible solution presented is adding this to the logbook as a box for the students to indicate that they made a request to their preceptor for midpoint feedback. Dr. Busche presented the idea to the committee for other rotations to consider this concept for their logbooks as well. There was some feedback and discussion around the logbook addition and will be brought forward again in an email to all the clerkships for their feedback.

### **7. Clerkship Reports**

#### **7.1 Electives**

Dr. Louis presented the Electives Report to the committee. She went over all the people and the breakdown of how the electives work for the students. She indicated that there are 14 weeks each student needs to complete in a minimum of two different disciplines with no more than eight weeks in one discipline. Dr. Louis noted that there were no visiting electives again for the class of 2021. The report broke down to all the electives taking place in Calgary or rural settings. Dr. Louis informed the committee that there were changes made for the feedback form from the students' survey, things include notes to other students including tips and tricks section. Dr. Louis compared the two forms for feedback and each had roughly the same overall results, with the mistreatment feedback being way down on the new (more recent) form, very

positive overall results. Themes around the mistreatment reported include rude treatment from RNs, harsh or public criticism, racialized treatment from patients, inappropriate language or treatment by preceptors towards patients or learners, and disparaging remarks about clerks. Challenges include the competition with the rest of the class for the same elective time blocks. Dr. Louis indicated that spreading electives throughout the curriculum more would be helpful going forward.

**Proposal:** Dr. Busche proposed to accept the Elective Clerkship Report as it was presented today.  
First: Dr. R. Ram  
Second: Dr. B. Meatherall  
All in favour.

### 7.2 UCLIC

Dr. Ram presented the UCLIC Report to the committee. He went over all the people and the breakdown of the UCLIC program and how it is structured. Dr. Ram indicated that UCLIC was the only rotation to receive an aggregate score of 100% agreement from learners in three different areas they were: ‘given appropriate responsibility for patient care’, ‘the level of supervision ensured the safety of the patients for whom I provided care’, and ‘the level of supervision ensured my safety’. Dr. Ram noted that while response rates to the surveys are lower than they used to be, this is still a highly rated clerkship. He noted that the strengths of UCLIC include relevant issues being covered, expectations were fulfilled, able to see the types of patients required to fill in the logbook effectively, supportive faculty, day-to-day variations for enhanced learning opportunities, ability to tailor learning opportunities to fit each students’ interests or weaknesses, and large amounts of patient interactions with limited learners. Challenges include getting comments with surveys. The weaknesses noted include weekly academic sessions not being held throughout the entire year as they are currently only offered during the family medicine component, urban podcasted teaching was not made as available as students expected, looking to have a continued hybrid model to help with rural and urban students. Dr. Ram included that in the rural setting during the pandemic there were no shut downs of any units at any of the sites which was noted as a positive for the students with not having to disrupt any of their learning time. Current challenges and concerns include some travel restrictions, educational support services, changing landscape of learners and training include balancing the needs of society with personal wants. Future plans include a planning retreat which has currently been postponed due to Covid restrictions, update to the application process, and an increase of Administrative support to continue to make UCLIC function successfully.

**Proposal:** Dr. Busche proposed to accept the UCLIC Report as it was presented today.  
First: Dr. J. LaMothe  
Second: Dr. J. Desy  
All in favour.

Dr. Busche thanked everyone for attending and for their discussion. He reminded the committee that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> where Pediatrics and Psychiatry will be presenting.

**Meeting adjourned @ 2:31 p.m.**

**Minutes by: Danielle Jean**

**Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche**