



Clerkship Committee (CC) Minutes

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APPROVED

Tuesday October 17, 2023

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. K. Busche (chair), K. Darcus, J. Desy, N. Hardcastle, W. Harris-Thompson, J. Haws, T. Jablonski, B. Meatherall, M. Mintz, R. Ram, E. Ruka, M. Sohn, S. Weeks, S. Wicklum, C. Zavitz, Ms. R. Bradbury, Mr. V. Joe, Mr. J. Kreutz, Ms. D. Stanojevic, Ms. S. Tai, Ms. D. Jean (admin)

Regrets: Drs. T. Ayas, S. Bannister, R. Brett, G. Gelfand, A. Harvey, F. Jivraj, N. Johnson, S. Lopushinsky, J. Lubin, A. Mineyko, S. Mohan, C. Naugler, M. Thompson, J. Vantanajal, M. Walter, H. Yoon, Mr. M. Bondok, Ms. K. Fu, Ms. S. Leskosky, Mr. M. Paget, Ms. A. Randhawa, Ms. G. Taneja

1. Welcome and Thanks

The meeting was conducted through Zoom and was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by Dr. K. Busche (Chair).

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda - Passed unanimously with the addition.

Dr. Busche made one addition to the agenda for Arising from the Minutes Item 5.3 the AFMC Portal.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2023 – Passed unanimously.

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Mr. Joe informed the committee that one of the VP Academics for the Class of 2026 has taken a leave of absence and a new member will be elected soon. Mr. Joe included that the current Class of 2026 representative is meeting with Mr. Paget to discuss the innovation of CARDS and making them more user friendly for their and upcoming classes as CARDS are playing an integral part of RIME. His update also included that the Class of 2025 are doing well on their last Preclerkship course, electives booking has been a little better with no major issues since the last meeting, and the class is looking forward to Clerkship after the Winter break. The Class of 2024 is currently handling the approaching CaRMS deadlines and continuing through Clerkship.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Busche informed the committee in Dr. Naugler's absence, that the last meeting included discussion around the Big 10 Exit Objectives that UMEC approved earlier this year went to the Strategic Education Council and was not approved as presented. There was feedback and direction given from that committee to revise these objectives going forward, from this the decision was to organize a small working group from the members of the UMEC committee to work with these suggestions and put forth a redraft of these objectives. He also included that a revised version of the Preclerkship Attendance Policy was put forth and approved at the last UMEC meeting.

4.3 Pre-Clerkship/RIME Committee Update

Dr. Weeks' update included that the Class of 2025 is now in Course 6 with the Med Skills OSCE, Integrative and ICP Part 2 still to come before they begin Clerkship. She also included that preceptor recruitment has continued to be a struggle for this class noting that there have been more attendance issues from the faculty than before. For the Class of 2026, she noted that they are just beginning Unit 3 which is halfway through the first block of RIME. Dr. Weeks indicated that there has been a lot of positive feedback from students and faculty alike. She also added that the recruitment for preceptors is starting to go smoother and going forward there will be work to enhance podcast quality including written scripts attached as well as closed captioning for an increase in accessibility to all types of learners. She included that there are still currently three educator roles available for content creation and overseeing different clinical presentations throughout the RIME curriculum. Dr. Weeks continued, stating that there have been issues with receiving content from educators at a later date than expected, so there is work going into improving this to ensure all content is received and uploaded for the students at specific time points. Dr. Weeks finished her report with some exciting numbers that Mr. Paget has pulled for shadowing and for CARDS, she indicated that shadowing has gone up by more than 100 encounters for the Class of 2026 compared to the same timeframe of the Class of 2025, including representing over 50 disciplines and a lot more family medicine encounters as well. As CARDS is being used as a metric of assessment for the Class of 2026, she indicated that they knew the numbers would go up but compared to the just over 250,000 plays for the Class of 2025 the same timeframe again for the Class of 2026 is just shy of one-million cards played.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Desy informed the committee that there have not been any new motions passed for Clerkship, overall assessment is going smoothly with exams every two weeks. She included that they are looking ahead to the Clerkship OSCE in the New Year, with lots of continuous work with Dr. Haws.

4.5 Research Committee Update

Dr. Desy reminded the committee that meetings are still occurring weekly and are currently adding to the research portal a place where researchers could post a specific project and requirements that they would offer to the student body in turn the students could apply and see if they would be able to work on these projects, and this should be rolling out and available to use soon. Dr. Desy also added that there have been quite a few proposals for the ICAM conference including early results from RIME and have a good discussion regarding the new curriculum at the conference in the spring. She included that the Research Committee has been working closely with the Office of Health and Medical Education Scholarship (OHMES) and is looking closely at working with the UME office to help promote scholarships within the office.

4.6 PGME Update

Dr. Busche reported on Dr. Mineyko's behalf that at the last meeting he did put in a request to the program directors that if they have residents who are interested in teaching or interested in authoring cards to get in touch with Dr. Weeks. He also included that the PGME office still is working on ironing the process of workplace accommodations for residents with a potential to still use them going forward for our medical students' workplace accommodations.

4.7 Accreditation Update

Dr. Mintz informed the committee that the process of getting the Data Collection Instrument finished so to be able to move on to the Medical School Self Study with reviewers for all of the elements and the student report. She reminded the committee that the pre-accreditation review is coming at the end of January and invites are being sent for this with hopes of confirmed times coming in the near future. She also included that her and Dr. Naugler have met with the department chairs to discuss clerkship objectives, policies being sent including work hours, and providing feedback on a regular basis. There was discussion around finding

better options to provide preceptor feedback from the students with maintaining anonymity for the students.

4.8 EDI Update

Ms. Taneja was not able to attend this meeting and there were no updates to provide at this time.

5. Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Selectives in Clerkship

Dr. Busche reminded the committee about the discussion from the last few meetings regarding students being exposed to other areas of medicine that don't get a large view in clerkship now including disciplines like pathology, lab medicine, medical genetics, and radiology among others unless utilized for electives, be grouped into a different rotation called Selectives to help ease some of the capacity concerns in other areas. There is still work to be done to decide how this will be done and what the capacities will be but wanted to provide an update to the committee.

5.2 Red Deer Clerkship Rotations

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there has not been a large development on this at the current time the process of getting faculty appointments is still a work in progress and will continue to update the committee when there is more information.

5.2 AFMC Portal Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee that he has met with a few people from AFMC to go over the issues and challenges that have been presented to this committee from the students, he noted that the Electives coordinator in the UME Ms. Pander informed him that tech support is able to help with some of the challenges of the portal going forward which will make the process better for the students. There are other conversations that will be had about some of the other issues brought up at the previous clerkship meeting, and if there are any other changes to the portal or electives bookings the classes and departments will be notified.

6. New Business

6.1 Planetary Health

Dr. Wicklum gave a brief introduction to the concept of Planetary Health (Climate Change and Health), reviewed actions to date in the field at the CSM and in the DFM, and reviewed the AFMC PH Declaration of which the CSM, Dr. Anderson, is a signatory. The slides are attached, and she encouraged the committee to go to the AFMC site and read about the pledge and reach out to her and her team should they have an interest in this field as there are opportunities to ensure we 'do' what we say we will as per the pledge.

7. Clerkship Reports

7.1 Anesthesia

Dr. Darcus presented the Anesthesia Report to the Committee. He gave an overview of the rotation, the committee members and the structure of the rotation. He noted that this class had the return of the full two-week rotation with no significant OR closures to disrupt any of the rotations, the only impact on case numbers in the OR occurred with the launch of Connect Care. There were some disruptions to the Chronic Pain Day scheduling due to decrease in the number of Nurse Practitioners who are the preceptors for the day. The in-person orientations returned in February 2023. Overall rotation ratings up to a 3.86 from 3.55 and 3.73 from the years before, Dr. Darcus indicated this was likely due to not having closures or shutdowns and the rotation going back to a full two weeks post COVID. Positive comments included a safe learning environment, one-on-one bedside teaching, excellent teachers, lots of procedural skills practices, and a well administered rotation. Areas to work on included having a different preceptor each day, large amount of

material to cover, and that the rotation is too short. Dr. Darcus indicated that for the class of 2023 there were four MCQ examination failures which were all satisfactory upon a rewrite, one unsuccessful ITER which was passed with remediation, and one appeal that was unsuccessful he added that only one student indicated that they worked more than 55 hours in a week and six that stated they did not receive two periods of more than 24 hours off to which he noted that both the weekends during the rotation are off for the students. Dr. Darcus noted the impact that the global shortage of Anesthesiologists has made with preceptor burnout being a major concern over the last few years, he informed the committee of the increasing demand for Anesthesia training and indicated that the department has not been able to accommodate any visiting elective clerks due to these issues. Changes to come include the continuation of resident-led in-person orientation, eventual return of visiting elective students, reviewing the goals and objectives and looking ahead at the core rotation vs. selective rotation changes in the years to come.

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

First: Dr. B. Meatherall

Second: Dr. S. Wicklum

All in favour.

7.1 Internal Medicine

Dr. Meatherall presented the Internal Medicine Report to the Committee. She gave an overview of the rotation noting that the structure hasn't changed, the sites, and the committee members. She indicated that the Class of 2023 had 15 MCQ failures with one still pending a rewrite and one reappraisal request that was unsuccessful. The Class of 2024 has had six MCQ failures with five rewrites still pending currently with no appeals. She did note that there was a change for the 'Must See' Clinical Presentations and Procedures which has been changed to a 'Must Interpret' citing that Internal Medicine is less procedural than it used to be on the wards. Overall, the rotation was evaluated at 4.0 slightly lower than the 4.1 the previous three years. She noted that 26 students stated they worked more than 55 hours per week and 34 stated they weren't getting the two periods of 24 hours off during the rotation. The top-rated components included treated professionally and respectfully by faculty/staff, felt safe/secure at the teaching sites, and an optimal balance of responsibility/supervision. The lowest rated components included the opportunity to learn/perform procedures, core document being helpful, and satisfaction with administrative organization. Strengths include the preceptors with excellent teaching, clear expectations and being kind and welcoming, variety of clinical presentations and the opportunity for independence and autonomy. Things that need work include the workload highlighting that students find the 26-hour call shift far too long, organization of some rotations specifically with outpatient clinics, and less formal teaching on some subspecialty selective rotations. Dr. Meatherall included that there were a couple comments around mistreatment and those were having racial undertones in feedback about speaking more clearly, belittled about physical exam skills, and the 26-hour call shifts being inhumane. Going forward she noted some concerns including capacity due to losing an MTU site with a possibility of GMU rotations as an option, approaching medically complicated patients through a different method such as Course 8, and advanced preparation and rationale for the 26-hour call shifts. Future initiatives include review of the exam to make the questions more applicable to MTU and do a subspecialty audit for which are more popular and why, and to consider giving up time from subspecialties to the new selective rotation going forward.

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

First: Dr. T. Jablonski

Second: Dr. C. Zavitz

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 November 28th where Family Medicine will present.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:33 p.m.

Minutes by: Danielle Jean

Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche