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## Clerkship Committee (CC)

### APPROVED

Tuesday September 12, 2023  
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Meeting  
via Zoom

**Attendees:** Drs. K. Busche (chair), T. Ayas, N. Hardcastle, W. Harris-Thompson, A. Harvey, T. Jablonski, J. LaMothe, S. Lopushinsky, J. Lubin, B. Meatherall, C. Naugler, K. Nelson, R. Ram, E. Ruka, M. Thompson, S. Weeks, C. Zavitz, Ms. S. Facchini, Mr. V. Joe, Mr. J. Kreutz, Ms. A. Randhawa, Ms. D. Sanojevic, Ms. S. Tai, Ms. G. Taneja, Ms. A. Thomas, Ms. D. Jean (admin)

**Regrets:** Drs. S. Bannister, R. Brett, K. Darcus, J. Desy, G. Gelfand, J. Haws, F. Jivraj, N. Johnson, A. Mineyko, M. Mintz, S. Mohan, M. Sohn, J. Vantanajal, M. Walter, S. Wicklum, H. Yoon, Mr. M. Bondok, Ms. K. Fu, Ms. S. Leskosky, Mr. M. Paget

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### 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). He informed the committee that there has been a change in the membership, noting that Dr. Jeremy LaMothe has resigned from the Surgery Clerkship Director position and that Dr. Caleb Zavitz is taking over this position as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. He also welcomed and introduced Dr. Emmeline Ruka as the new evaluation coordinator for Emergency Medicine, and Ms. Alam Randhawa the new Class of 2026 VP Academics to the committee. He then gave a brief overview of what the meeting would entail and thanked everyone for being able to make it.

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2023 – Passed unanimously.

### 4. Standing Updates

#### 4.1 Student Reports

Ms. Randhawa introduced herself as the VP Academics for the Class of 2026, the Lunkarya Guinea Pigs. Her update included that the Class of 2026 is the first class to experience the new RIME curriculum, and seems to be going well, they are currently awaiting their first exam marks as a class, and wanting to go forward with round table discussions hosted by the VP Academics for all the class to attend to bring up issues and filter them for the appropriate committees.

Mr. Joe gave the update for the Class of 2025, noting that the class had just finished Course 5 and beginning Course 7 getting closer to Clerkship, including the positive response for the lottery, clerkship welcome sessions going well, and awaiting marks from exams and lots of timelines to keep up with as clerkship is nearing. The largest issue from the Class of 2025 was the setbacks of the AFMC portal for elective bookings, from the portal being open far earlier than it was supposed to be, crashing for hours after the 10:00 pm opening time of the portal, double charging Dr. Busche informed the students that he is aware of these issues and is in talks with the AFMC lead to get some answers and communicate them back to the students. Mr. Joe also added that the students are heading to Toronto for a conference the upcoming weekend where these issues are scheduled to be addressed.

Mr. Joe noted that there were no updates for the Class of 2024 at this time.

#### **4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee**

Dr. Naugler informed the committee that there is a meeting upcoming, so no direct UMEC updates, but did add that there is active work still happening for an expanded campus in Lethbridge and a Physician Assistant Program as well.

#### **4.3 Pre-Clerkship/RIME Committee Update**

Dr. Weeks' update included that there were no PCC meetings in the summer but with the launch of RIME that committee did hold meetings through the summer. She added that the RPCC Meetings do have a smaller attendance than the traditional PCC meetings which is allowing for more representatives to be able to give feedback and their reports without being concerned about time restraints. Dr. Weeks informed the committee that both these meetings will continue until the Class of 2025 enters Clerkship. Overall, with the start of RIME the class seems to be handling the changes well and maintaining engagement and adapting to things as they come. Dr. Weeks also added that there is continuous recruitment still occurring for educators, tutorial group facilitators, and anatomy teachers for anyone who is, or knows someone who could be interested in these openings.

#### **4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update**

Dr. Desy was not in attendance at this meeting and Dr. Harvey noted that there are no evaluation updates at this time.

#### **4.5 Research Committee Update**

Dr. Harvey's update included that the Research Committee continues with their weekly meetings, and to make sure there is awareness for the students to know that if they are wanting to take part in any research projects to reach out to the committee for the available projects and availability if they are interested.

#### **4.6 PGME Update**

Dr. Mineyko was not in attendance at this meeting and Dr. Busche indicated that he was not aware of any updates at this time.

#### **4.7 Accreditation Update**

In Dr. Mintz' absence Dr. Busche informed the committee that there some uncertainties on how residents and preceptors receive the clerkship rotation objectives, including that some are not posted on the department sites and would be a good idea if these could be included in the department newsletters as well as on the websites. The update also included that the Independent Student Analysis data shows that clerks are not all getting part of their histories and physical exams observed during their clerkship rotations. Inquires about how this can be resolved if it is in a way for EPAs or if it is made a requirement in the OSCE Dr. Busche included that this is a requirement in each rotations' logbook, is part of the EPAs and is part of the Clerkship OSCE.

#### **4.8 EDI Update**

Ms. Taneja informed the committee that the EDI search and selection standard will be presented in October and EDI modules that will be made available in November. In addition to the office work she included the use of a community pantry set up in the Health Science Centre as well as the Fresh Routes Bus coming weekly to the campus offering fresh produce and some baked goods.

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

### **5.1 Class of 2025 Capacity**

Dr. Busche reminded the committee about the discussion from the last few meetings regarding capacity increases for the Class of 2025 and the upcoming years as well; all clerkships have provided the needed capacity for the class of 2025. From this, he went over the Clerkship Lottery results for the Class of 2025 stating a very successful lottery with 100% of the students getting both their number one and two choices to be before the MSPR cut off. With 99% getting their third choice, 80% their fourth choice, and 73% of students getting their fifth choice of rotations on their MSPR before the cut off date. Some issues from students arising from their exact schedule layouts, but overall, a very good review for the lottery. Dr. Busche extended a thank you to all clerkships for ensuring that there were enough capacities for all rotations to make this happen for the students.

### **5.2 Red Deer Clerkship Rotations**

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there has still been discussion to have Red Deer be a host city for mandatory rotations going forward as was discussed in previous meetings. Currently some electives and some rotations have done this already, but looking to increase the volume in students going to Red Deer. Several challenges have arisen including, faculty appointments for preceptors, faculty development, capacity availability, and housing for the students when there doing rotations. Over the summer, Dr. Naugler has initiated conversations to get the process started for the faculty appointments to be appointed and will continue to work on making this happen for future rotations and class years.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 IPE/CEL Weeks**

Dr. Busche informed the committee that at the beginning of the pandemic there was time made available because the students were not able to be in a setting where clinical work was being done, there were processes that were created for this time, these included the Community Engaged Learning (CEL) week and the Interprofessional Education (IPE) week. He gave an overview of what each of these weeks entailed for the students adding that feedback has gone well, but difficulties finding students spots during these weeks has provided challenges. With this and the introduction of RIME having CEL embedded into the curriculum, that there will be a plan to remove these IPE and CEL weeks for the Class of 2026.

### **6.2 Selectives Class of 2026**

Dr. Busche transitioned the conversation to the replacement of these weeks to change it from the IPE/CEL weeks to a standing two-week selective block. This will broaden the clerkship experience in clinical areas with clerkship capacity that is often underutilized in areas such as radiology, public health, dermatology, oncology, pathology, critical care, neurology, etc. to make these more accessible for the students. This will allow for more flexibility for lottery purposes and capacity issues alike, this will also start for the Class of 2026 when they enter Clerkship in January 2025. There is still some work to be done with building this over the next year including what capacity will be and the options that will be available to the students.

## **7. Clerkship Reports**

### **7.1 Surgery Report**

Dr. LaMothe presented the Surgery Report to the Committee. He gave an overview of the rotation, the committee members including the change with him leaving, the structure of the rotation for regular students and UCLIC students. He noted that there have been no changes from the previous year including that the seminar series that was started during Covid remains part of the rotation. He indicated that there have been three MCQ examination failures and no unsatisfactory ITER's. The overall evaluation of the rotation was rated at 3.84 which has been a steady increase since 2018's 3.0. Strengths included high volume of the rotation leads to great educational opportunities, half day seminars, expectations are set and

clear, good residents with a strong multidisciplinary team and well organized. The highest rated elements include students feeling safe, treated professionally/respectively, able to see the patients need to meet objectives. The lower rated elements include finding the core document helpful, sensitive issues related to patient care were discussed, and the ability to use problem solving schemes. Elements to work on include the hours in general surgery, the feeling of service based over educational based, condensing call, more formalized teaching, and some scheduling issues. Dr. LaMothe included that there were 13 mistreatment comments including observed behavior toward others, rude treatment/safety of learning environment, and inappropriate expectations and duties. Potential issues for the future include student mistreatment comments to engage or manage, rotation capacity need to adjust rotations and requirements, Operating Room time pressures which was noted to not be going away so the technical bootcamp that Dr. Mirna Matta has implemented will be a benefit for this issue. Dr. LaMothe also included the current stress, fatigue, and mental health crisis in the environment around surgeons and other staff in the operating rooms that are currently playing a factor in support of education. Plans going forward are to continue to work on hours including no more pre-rounding, scheduling issues, working with Covid, and dealing with workflow restrictions.

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

First: Dr. B. Meatherall  
Second: Dr. W. Harris-Thompson  
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 October 17<sup>th</sup> where Internal Medicine and Anesthesia will present.

**Meeting adjourned @ 2:11 p.m.**

**Minutes by: Danielle Jean**  
**Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche**