



Clerkship Committee (CC)

Minutes

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APPROVED

Tuesday April 9, 2024

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. K. Busche (chair), T. Ayas, A. Bromley, S. Coderre, K. Darcus, J. Desy, W. Harris-Thompson, J. Haws, T. Killam, M. Mintz, K. Nelson, R. Ram, M. Sohn, S. Weeks, S. Wicklum, C. Zavitz, Ms. S. Facchini, Mr. S. Ivaturi, Mr. M. Paget, Ms. A. Randhawa, Ms. S. Tai, Ms. G. Taneja, Ms. D. Jean (admin)

Regrets: Drs. S. Bannister, M. Davis, A. Di Ninno, G. Gelfand, N. Hardcastle, A. Harvey, F. Jivraj, N. Johnson, S. Lopushinsky, J. Lubin, S. McLeod, B. Meatherall, S. Pancic, A. Ritter, E. Ruka, M. Thompson, J. Vantanajal, M. Walter, Mr. M. Bondok, Ms. K. Fu, Mr. V. Joe, Mr. J. Kreutz, Ms. S. Leskosky, Ms. D. Stanojevic

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). Dr. Busche informed the committee that both Drs. Meatherall and Walters will be stepping down in the coming months from their roles as the Internal Medicine Clerkship Director and the Internal Medicine Evaluation Coordinator, respectively.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Dr. Busche included the addition of a new business item, 6.2 and the Class Composite Photo. **Passed unanimously with the changes.**

3. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2024 – **Passed unanimously.**

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Mr. Ivaturi updated the committee that the Class of 2026 is preparing for their Unit 6 exam at the end of the week. They continue to meet with Dr. Wu about the upcoming units noting that Unit 8 is a different structure than the units they have already completed and have been used to so working with her to get prepared. Students have found that the servers are slowing down for CARDS but is still holding up better than the previous unit exam currently.

Dr. Busche informed the committee that the Class of 2025 is wrapping up electives blocks and approaching more mandatory rotations, but all had been going well according to their updates given to the RIME committee the previous week.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Bromley informed the committee that the updated Flex Day Policy in Pre Clerkship had been rolled out. She included that there are still ongoing discussions for changes to the update of the Big 10 Objectives that will be talked about and updated upon going forward when a final decision is approved. The biggest topic on the go currently is getting everything in order for the upcoming Accreditation. She informed the committee

that there has been encouragement to have all the students participate whenever possible to ensure lots of feedback is received from their perspective as Accreditation comes.

4.3 Pre-Clerkship/RIME Committee Update

Dr. Weeks informed the committee that the last PCC meeting had taken place, which included the final course reports for the legacy curriculum, noting that it marked the end of an era and thanked all members for being apart of it over the years. The RPCC continues to meet, and Dr. Weeks noted that the Class of 2026 is approximately at the halfway point of the new curriculum, indicating that there's a Unit 6 Final exam followed by a week of vacation time before they enter Unit 7 and Unit 8, echoing the students update of Unit 8 being a different format and structure then the previous units. After the students then have four weeks of time where two weeks will be vacation time and the other will be Career Development weeks and that time will be used differently for each student, allowing for student flexibility as well as capacity flexibility. Dr. Weeks did inform the committee that there has been feedback from having Pre-Clerks in the clinical environments when Residency is beginning at the start of July is problematic, so she indicated that for the Class of 2027 there was some schedule movement to have one of those Career Development weeks take place in June to ease some of the scheduling conflicts. Class of 2027 will have 190 learners and begins in early July. Dr. Weeks continued her update to include the tagging of content on FreshSheet, hiring of 18 more tutorial group facilitators, and having a remaining educator position open for anyone interested.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Desy informed the committee that there have been discussions around the clerkship assessment strategy and implementing different methods to improve the way examinations are done for the clerks. The option she gave included the potential of moving exams from a single clerkship summative at the end of each rotation to a progress testing examination which will allow for fewer exams as they will be set at scheduled times throughout the clerkship which will include longitudinal strategy in knowledge assessment, while having the ability to use CARDS for creation and delivery before the exams. This would be a conversation for the Class of 2026 for the progressive exams over the singular exams, stating that currently exams are backloaded with lots of students having their examinations at the end of clerkship which is causing stress and concern for graduating. Discussion include that this examining method will be much more consistent with the RIME curriculum as their learning and examinations are done on a progressive and longitudinal schedule.

4.5 Research Committee Update

Dr. Desy updated that the Research Committee was created about two years ago and that the committee has grown much busier so there will be some changes for this committee including a formal committee that will make the regulations and rules around research within the program and research requests involving our students, and another committee for an interest group which will continue to be Monday afternoons within the office. The interest group will continue to meet on Monday afternoons while the formal research committee will be meeting about every three months with the first meeting being held later in April. This committee is in the process of finalizing the Terms of Reference and will be passed through SEC and UMEC. This will be a larger committee with better representation from various places and departments. She included that the committee is currently working with the December scheduling of The Jones Event. This event is funded by the Jones Family where they give money every year to the UME program to bring in medical education researchers to come and give a presentation at the medical school, this event will also be an opportunity for the students to present their own research at this time. Once the details have been finalized more information will be sent out.

4.6 Curriculum Innovation and Oversight Committee Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee upon Dr. Harvey's absence that there are no updates at this time.

4.6 PGME Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee upon Dr. Davis' absence that there are no updates at this time.

4.7 Accreditation Update

Dr. Mintz provided an update to the committee that includes working on revising of several elements for accreditation, which are being worked on to have them all sent and submitted to the board by early July. She added that the Class of 2026 feedback is important so they are working to mirror the Independent Student Analysis Survey (ISA) through Qualtrics that this class will be able to provide their feedback on as well. Dr. Mintz included that the Virtual Accreditation Review will be happening on October 21, 22, and 23, but requested for this committee to block off October 22 and 23 for the time being and will provide dates and times once specific details and schedules are available.

4.8 EDI Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee upon Ms. Taneja's absence that there are no updates at this time.

5. Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Selectives in Clerkship

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there is still work being done with the clinical departments to keep this moving forward. Will continue to update with more information as it becomes available.

5.2 Mock Accreditation Follow Up

Dr. Busche informed the committee that the Mock Accreditation did a good job of pointing out areas that have room for improvement. Dr. Busche added that the UME Deans have gone through the entire report and working through the improvements necessary to work on before the accreditation in the fall. He included that with the internal report debriefing there has been discussion about using the student data that we collect and utilize it in better ways to represent what is going on in the program.

5.3 RIME Resources for Clerkship...Made Easy!

Dr. Busche added to Dr. Weeks' update about using the RIME resources in Clerkship including podcasts and lectures with the pre clerkship teams processing, cataloguing and tagging the content which will be helpful to supplement clerkship learning in the future. Mr. Paget demonstrated and gave an overview of how FreshSheet works and how to view the content that is in the program.

6. New Business

6.1 Preliminary Match Report

Dr. Busche informed the committee that the preliminary Match Report for the first CaRMS iteration has been completed for the Class of 2024, with the second Match coming in later April. He informed the committee that the first round match rate was 92.5% which is in line with our match rate in previous years and slightly below the national average. He included that 46% of students are staying with the University of Calgary for residency training and only 26% matching to Family Medicine which is continuing with a declining match rate. He added that the SAW-Hub team is doing a great job with their support of students who have been unmatched or unhappily matched and continue to provide help to all the students and their needs during the match times. He did inform the committee that more will come with the match update after the second iteration once all the data is compiled.

6.2 Class Composite Photo

Dr. Busche informed the committee that he received an inquiry from a physician asking about receiving the class composite photos to have onsite in their department. He noted that it led to further discussion with the management in UME with some concern about distributing pictures electronically with the names for the

students could cause some potential risks. Discussion in the committee included how the composite is used in the clerkship, the ease of being able to identify a student and a nice to know or nice to have available but for most, does not seem like a necessity. Further discussion included that if there was a situation that a preceptor was unsure of with a student and their identity, they are always able to access One45 to verify the images of the students through there.

7. Clerkship Reports

7.1 Obstetrics & Gynecology

Dr. Harris-Thompson presented the Obstetrics & Gynecology Report to the Committee. She included an overview of the committee and how the rotation is structured for the students. The rotation is a 4+2 structure for each student with the 4 week tracks having scheduled shifts with inpatient and clinical teaching and a 2 week track having outpatient clinics with preceptor groups which allows for a more consistent group of preceptors. The overall student rating was 4.19 from 94 responses which she indicated was above the 4.14 rating from the previous year. Strengths included feeling safe and secure, treated professionally/respectfully by faculty and staff, received actionable feedback, residents and preceptors were welcoming helpful and great teachers, up front orientation, hands on clinical experiences of exams and procedures, variety of patients, and dedicated teachers. The lowest rated by the students include satisfaction with administrative organization, helpful core document, the opportunity to learn and perform procedures, and the exam being reflective of experiences and objectives of the rotation. Dr. Harris-Thompson reported that there for 4 MCQ failures with no clinical ITER failures noting that they do hold formative review sessions which has been great for students. The structure for the new class is moving from the 4+2 rotation to just a 4 week rotation. She added that call room access, class size and capacity, learner resources, faculty/preceptor burnout, and budget cuts are the current concerns and issues at this time. Dr. Harris-Thompson concluded with being appreciative of the Directors increases but added that the evaluation coordinators should also be included with increases because of how much work they do to help the rotations run.

Proposal: Dr. Busche proposed to accept the Obstetrics & Gynecology Report as it was presented today.

First: Mr. M. Paget

Second: Dr. S. Wicklum

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 May 28th where Pediatrics, Course 8, Psychiatry and UCLIC will present. He also asked the committee that due to the lengthened agenda of the next meeting if they would be able to extend their availability until at least 1500h for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:03 p.m.

Minutes by: Danielle Jean

Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche