



Clerkship Committee (CC)

Minutes

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APPROVED

Tuesday October 29, 2024

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. K. Busche (chair), J. Desy, W. Harris-Thompson, T. Killam, T. Lohmann, S. Lopushinsky, P. MacEachern, S. McLeod, R. Ram, A. Ritter, M. Sohn, S. Weeks, S. Wicklum, T. Wong, C. Zavitz, Ms. A. Adel, Ms. N. Begert, Ms. S. Facchini, Ms. M. Hsu, Mr. S. Ivaturi, Mr. V. Joe, Mr. M. Paget, Ms. A. Randhawa, Ms. S. Tai, Ms. G. Taneja, Ms. D. Jean (admin)

Regrets: Drs. S. Bannister, A. Bromley, C. Coderre, K. Darcus, M. Davis, A. DiNinno, G. Gelfand, N. Hardcastle, J. Haws, F. Jivraj, H. Kim, N. Johnson, M. Mintz, S. Pancic, E. Ruka, M. Thompson, J. Vantanajal, Mr. J. Kreutz, Ms. S. Leskosky

1. Welcome and Thanks

The meeting was conducted through Zoom and was called to order at 12:39 p.m. by Dr. K. Busche (Chair). Dr. Busche welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologized for the technical delay caused by an internet outage.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda –Passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2024 – Passed unanimously.

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Mr. Joe informed the committee that the Fall Break for the Class of 2025's was nice, and the rest was much needed for the students with the CaRMS deadline approaching and gave the opportunity for students to go through personal letters with great help through the SAW-Hub. He informed the committee that the MSPR ITER deadline has passed, and the students are looking forward to seeing the formulated letters from the UME office to be able to review them.

Mr. Ivaturi updated the committee that the Class of 2026 had recently had a session to introduce CaRMS and get answers to the questions the class had regarding the process and beyond. Current roadblocks include some elective struggles, but all offices are providing support for placements including DLRI who are offering more rural placements for the student electives as well. The class is starting to receive their core rotation and placement schedules with lots of excitement and enthusiasm.

Ms. Hsu informed the committee that there has been lots of good engagement and learning from career exploration events and the students are looking forward to doing more. She included that there were no big updates or questions regarding clerkship at this time.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Busche informed the committee in Dr. Bromley's absence, that the Clerkship Exam changes (moving from rotation exams to a series of progress tests) were approved at UMEC and will be going forward for the Clerkship for the Class of 2026. He reminded the committee what this change looked like and that it was discussed at the previous meeting in September.

4.3 RIME Committee Update

Dr. Weeks informed the committee that the Class of 2027 is currently in Unit 3 and approaching their first Career Development week the third week of November, which the department managed to secure enough capacity for all the students for the week. She included that the Class of 2026's are currently in Unit 11 of 12, finishing up the first class with the RIME curriculum, noting lots of positivity and room to grow and improve for future class years. Dr. Weeks added that there will be a timetable change for the Class of 2028 in the Pre Clerkship, which will move tutorial groups from Monday afternoon to Friday morning to balance out the weeks better. This timetable change will be up for review and approval at the next RPCC meeting. She reminded the committee of the ECLIPSE Symposium event on December 6th with the Faculty Appreciation event being held during the lunch portion of the schedule.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Desy informed the committee that there are no updates from the SEC at this time, she did include that there has been a draft list of potential dates for the new Clerkship Exam Schedule changes that have been sent out to the committee and will be brought forward to a committee meeting at a later date.

4.5 Research Committee Update

Dr. Desy informed the committee that there is nothing to report at this time, noting at the project that is being worked on at this time is the ECLIPSE symposium.

4.6 Curriculum Innovation and Oversight Committee Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there is no update at this time.

4.6 PGME Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there is no update at this time.

4.7 Accreditation Update

Dr. Busche informed the committee that the information for the standards is being organized and summarized and will be put together into a report from the virtual site visit and give information about which elements will be looked at and reviewed at the in-person site visit in December.

4.8 EDI Update

Ms. Taneja informed the committee 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 will be a functioning two-week selective rotation, except for UCLIC students, for the Class of 2026 with new focussed disciplines will be available for students to select and attend as a selective block. He added that this will also open up the opportunity for students to do two-weeks of research as well.

5.2 Accreditation

Dr. Busche informed the committee that this was talked about in the above updates.

5.3 RIME Resources for Clerkship...Made Easy!

Dr. Busche informed the committee that there are lots of resources now available with RIME including podcasts, CARDS and lectures, there is ongoing tagging being done of each resource and will provide the ability to be curated into a list of presentations for the use of the clerks as well. This will be helpful for all rotations to be able to point students in the right direction for any further information or answers to questions. Fresh Sheet is the database that houses this information with the capacity to be able to search up objectives and clinical presentations with key conditions and case content to be able to find the resources associated with each tag. Mr. Paget presented information about the potential of putting Clerkship content from OSLEER onto Fresh Sheet as well, reminding the committee that the new clerkship students beginning in January will have not used OSLEER as much as previous class years so to help point out different things in different places with how to use OSLEER may be needed for the Class of 2026 and beyond. Some discussion included the timeline of when these resources will become available for the clerks, and what needs to change with any changes to objectives in learning.

5.4 Regular Sendouts: Objectives, Duty Hours, Send Home at 11, Feedback Tips, Lockers/Study Spaces/Call Rooms

Dr. Busche reminded the committee about the information that needs to be sent out to the students on rotations including the locations of where they can find lockers, study spaces, and call rooms for each site they are assigned to, as well as knowing the learning objectives and hours required. He reminded the committee that this information needs to be circulated to both the students and the faculty/residents who work with the students as well.

5.5 Exams

Dr. Busche informed the committee that the new exam schedule had been approved at UMEC with lots of healthy discussion in all the committee meetings it was presented at. Dr. Desy sent a potential date list to the committee to see about how dates could look and work for this new schedule. A question posed by the committee was what the MSPR would look like with no longer having rotation based exams and not having done a summative exam to the point of MSPR's to which this was decided that the exam portion would be marked as pending. Dr. Busche informed the clerkship directors that they will all need to revise their core documents and any other materials to include this new change for the exams.

6. New Business

6.1 Clinical Pharmacy Teaching

Dr. Busche informed the committee that the UME has been introduced to Dr. Trudy Huyghebaert who will be a resource for any clinical pharmacology teaching. He informed the committee that he will be sending out the contact information to be able to work with her as an allied health professional to help add in any pharmacology teaching to the Pre Clerkship leads and Clerkship directors. Dr. Weeks informed the committee that she has been doing some work so far within the Pre Clerkship curriculum as an allied health professional with an extensive teaching background and things have been going well.

7. Clerkship Reports

7.1 UCLIC

Dr. Ram presented the UCLIC Report to the Committee at the meeting in September. Dr. Busche informed the committee that by the time the report was over the meeting had lost quorum and therefore, unable to put it to a vote. Dr. Busche proposed to approve the report from the previous meeting for those in attendance and the report information captured from the September meeting minutes.

Proposal: Dr. Busche proposed to accept the UCLIC Report as it was presented at the September 24 meeting.

First: Dr. C. Zavitz
Second: Dr. S. McLeod
All in favour.

7.2 Surgery

Dr. Zavitz presented the Surgery Clerkship Report to the Committee. He included the overview and structure of the rotation, adding that the objectives to the rotation are currently under review as the new selectives block is coming into effect which will be introducing Ophthalmology and Cardiac Surgery as options. The current rotation structure is six-weeks broke into a four-week and two-week block, the four-week block consists of one ACCESS week, two general surgery weeks, and a selective week, where the two-week block is a two-week selective. UCLIC students are required to do a four-week block that is the same as the urban students, noting that quite commonly the selective portion of the block is done in Calgary as many of these options are not available at all of the UCLIC site locations. Academic skills half day in a SIM lab changed to the first Tuesday of the rotation and includes electrolyte fluids, postop complications lecture, critical illness simulation, NG tube insertion, suturing skills station, half day didactic sessions are the rest of the Tuesday afternoons in the block and include general surgery, neurosurgery, plastic surgery, vascular surgery, orthopedic surgery, and otolaryngology. General surgery blocks include five call shifts including one trauma call, the trauma call shift is not required by UCLIC clerks. He added that some selectives do not have any call requirements. The must pass components are the ITER and summative MCQ examination. In this reporting period there were three unsatisfactory students on the MCQ all rewrote successfully and there were no appeals during this time. The overall rating for the surgery clerkship as received from 142 evaluations was rated at 3.87/5 which still shows continual improvement over the years. Strengths noted include diverse clinical exposure, hands-on learning, specific preceptors, and autonomy. Weaknesses noted include hours, 'scut' work, high expectations, staff and residents are too busy. Most sites are highly regarded with 15/24 being rated greater than 4/5 and 20 sites being 3.5/5 or higher. The challenging site indicated was general surgery at the Peter Lougheed Centre being rated at 2.92/5. The bright spots of the surgery rotation according to the students include being treated professionally and respectfully by faculty and staff, sensitive issues related to patient care were addressed, felt safe and secure at the teaching sites, and being satisfied with the quality of teaching. Some issues noted by the students included prerounding, exceeded duty hour restrictions, mistreatment, and lack of teaching in clinical bedside or OR settings. Dr. Zavitz included that the issues around what the students noted are similar to feedback in the past and are finding ways to address these topics to continue improving the rotation. Challenges from a faculty view include the clinical demands and lack of time to teach, funding and payment for preceptors, and the needing of more teachers at the busiest sites and services. New for the Class of 2026 Clerkship will include orientation and skills session to be held in the first week and an addition of two new selective options including cardiac surgery and ophthalmology, mid-rotation formative and evaluation feedback session over Zoom. For the Class of 2027 the rotation will be implementing a full day bootcamp in the first week of rotation, video academic half day lectures (on demand learning to return time to clinical experience) and continuing the work for the Southern Alberta/UCLIC expansion plans.

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

First: Dr. S. Wicklum

Second: Ms. A. Randhawa

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 December 10th where Anesthesia and Family Medicine will present.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:12 p.m.

Minutes by: Danielle Jean

Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche