



Pre-Clerkship Committee (PCC) Minutes

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UNAPPROVED

Friday June 11, 2021

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. F. Aghajafari, S. Anderson, J. Bertram, V. Bhella, N. Brager, A. Bromley, C. Brown, K. Busche, E. Cheng, A. Harvey, H. Jaminczky, R. Kachra, M. Kelly, T. Killam, P. Lee, T. Lohman, K. McBrien, C. Naugler, J. Paw, W. Rosen, A. Seto, K. Smyth, P. Stokes, C. Svrcek, S. Weeks (Chair), L. Willetts, Mr. S. Bell, Ms. K. Chadbolt, Ms. S. Facchini, Ms. E. Lindquist, Mr. M. Paget, Ms. N. Pigford, Ms. D. Jean (admin)

Regrets: Drs. L. Barss, A. Bass, H. Bassyouni, G. Bendiak, S. Bhayana, J. Chu, M. Davis, E. Dempsey, J. Desy, A. DiNinno, J. Fagnou, S. Jarvis, D. Jenkins, C. Josephson, M. Jung, R. Kapadia, M. Lee, M. Louis, E. Qirjazi, J. Rizkallah, J. Schachar, N. Sharma, M. Slawnych, I. Wishart, T. Wu, Ms. S. George, Ms. S. Leskosky, Ms. L. Palmer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted through Zoom and was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Dr. S. Weeks (Chair). Welcome to members and a brief overview of what the meeting would entail.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Passed unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2021 – Passed unanimously

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Mr. Bell informed the committee that the Class of 2023 is at the very tail end of Course 4 with their final exam the following week. He noted that the students seem to be both excited and worried over the final and sad to be saying goodbye to the Chairs of Course 4 as they had been monumental for the students throughout the course. He noted that following the Course 4 final the Class moves into ICP and Integrative courses, then Career Exploration weeks (formerly electives), and then a week of holiday before starting Course 5. Students have been invited to and shown interest in working with Dr. Kachra to provide input into RIME. A current concern among some students is difficulty arranging rural pre clerkship placements. Additionally, there is uncertainty around whether the rest of their pre-clerkship education will be online vs. in person.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Naugler updated the committee that the changes to the anatomy course and the timing of different years has been approved by the Board of Governors. He also informed the Committee that starting the end of June students will be allowed to start shadowing again allowing more opportunity for career exploration.

4.3 Clerkship Committee Update

Dr. Busche updated the committee about the CaRMS information that is available through their website. He included that the overall movement of graduates between schools has remained the same as in previous years. This year there was a slightly higher number of Calgary graduates matching to Calgary, potentially due to the COVID pandemic. He informed the committee that the Class of 2023 scheduling is currently running into challenges with the elective timeframes, as there is still uncertainty about visiting electives for this Class.

The ITERs for all clerkship rotations will have two comment boxes, one being the comments that go onto the MSPR and one that is for formative feedback. He also informed the committee that the Clerkship Committee is changing the structure of reports. Starting in the Fall there will be a rolling data pull that will be a 12-month data collection and not pulled based on class year. Starting this Fall, clerks will be completing Connect Care training, this includes asynchronous as well as in-person sessions.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Weeks informed the committee in Dr. Desy's absence that SEC has approved the increase of options for rewrite and deferred exam dates.

4.5 Update on EDI Initiatives

Dr. Sharma updated the committee that the chair position has been posted for the EDI committee, and will update once the position has been filled. Dr. Sharma also introduced Ms. Natasha Pigford as the EDI Education Specialist of OPED.

4.6 RIME Update

Dr. Kachra informed the committee that he is still going through meetings with all the course chairs for regarding RIME. Conversations with other Universities that have recently made curriculum changes have been informative, providing advice and identifying barriers.

5. Course Reports

5.1 Applied Evidence Based Medicine Report (AEBM)

Drs. Aghajafari and McBrien presented the AEBM Course Report. Course hours were reduced due to COVID. Discussion largely included the end of course survey was missed. All students passed. Pre-planned clinical electives from April 2020 were cancelled, academic/research electives were allowed still leaving 130 students without an elective. Many students switched to research electives or group projects on COVID related topics. The students did 15 hours of this and 15 hours of electives were added in the fall. Noted strengths include having highly rated electives, small groups felt to help reinforce concepts, content felt to be important, and office hours were useful and will be continued going forward. Some challenges included timing of course, during Course 3 and students felt it would be better placed earlier in the curriculum. Other challenges included inconsistent lecture reviews, quizzes had complex wording in quiz 1 and quiz 2 was too easy, evaluation MCQ's not conducive to content and skills, and variable comfort with content ranging in too easy vs too hard. Changes to the course largely related to being modified due to COVID, two small group papers were updated to align with clinical knowledge and the removal of second CAT. Changes going forward include; new lecturers for some topics, revise small groups to ensure relevant clinical scenarios and studies. Anticipated challenges include variable interest and experience with concepts among students, preceptor recruitment for small groups, lectures not being engaging for many, 30 hour elective time is short for academic electives and ensuring a fair evaluation.

Proposal: Dr. Stokes proposed to accept the Family Medicine Clinical Experience Report as it was presented today.

Second: Dr. Bromley
All in favour.

5.2 Anatomy Report

Dr. Anderson presented the Anatomy Course Report. Overview inquiry based learning, flipped classroom approach, longitudinal integration with intentional scaffolding of information increasing clinical readiness. 152 students satisfactory, 6 unsatisfactory with 5 current pending rewrites. Changes from the previous year included an entirely new curriculum and the challenge of COVID. Strengths that were noted include anatomy website was created, clinical integration and more CARDS were introduced. Challenges included the preparedness for flipped classrooms, Zoom, lab access and office hours were limited, student wellness and timing barriers. Changes going forward include external consistency, continue exam optimization, update some lectures, core merge document download, and move to in person (COVID pending). Anticipated challenges going forward include moving back to in person with ATSSL scheduling restrictions, preceptor recruitment and training, cadaver teaching specimen resources, competing demands on students and faculty time, and RIME. Goals for the future include building up the preceptor team, more CARDS, and larger exam banks.

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

Second: Dr. Svrcek
All in favour.

6. New Business

6.1 Patient Advocate Gift Cards

Dr. Weeks and Ms. Chadbolt announced that they were standardizing the gift cards given to patient advocates going forward. Currently the advocates are getting gift cards for coffee or other items and in ranging amounts, the plan going forward is that all advocates will receive \$75 an hour and being given a prepaid Visa or Master Card.

6.2 Planning PCC/CC Retreat for Fall 2021

Dr. Weeks informed the committee there have been discussions on having a joint Clerkship and Pre-Clerkship retreat meeting.

6.3 Update on Faculty Performance Report

Mr. Paget updated the committee that the performance records were sent out at the end of May, which included very few bounce backs thanks to the financial team in UME and PGME keeping Vera up-to-date with ever changing information. With the performance report there was also the Associate Dean Letters of Excellence sent as well. Changes this year include the completion of EPA's and the career exploration pieces which led to many more ITERs being completed through One45.

Dr. Weeks thanked everyone for attending and for their discussion. The meeting ended with polling the committee members on their preference of committee meeting format going forward. The options included; continue with zoom

meetings, go back to in person meetings, zoom meetings but a couple in person meetings, or a hybrid option for all meetings where people could be in person and be able to attend via zoom. The committee voted for the hybrid option at this time. She let the committee know that the next meeting will be on September 17, 2021, and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:22 p.m.

Minutes by: Danielle Jean

Edited by: Dr. Sarah Weeks