



Pre-Clerkship Committee (PCC) Minutes

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APPROVED

Friday, December 9, 2022

12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. F. Aghajafari, S. Anderson, H. Bassyouni, A. Bromley, T. Lohmann, E. Mahe, M. Mintz, A. Seto, K. Smyth, P. Stokes, C. Svrcek, S. Weeks (Chair), Mr. Bondok, K. Chadbolt, SA. Facchini, K. Fu, S. Sullivan (admin), V. Joe

Regrets: Drs. A. Bass, S. Bell, V. Bhella, K. Busche, E. Cheng, M. Davis, E. Dempsey, J. Desy, J. Fognou, A. Harvey, K. Jamani, R. Kachra, R. Kapadia, M. Keir, M. Kelly, T. Killam, M. Lee, P. Lee, C. Naugler, J. Paw, E. Qirjazi, J. Rizkallah, T. Wu, Mr. S. Bell, J. Kreutz, Ms. S. Leskowsky, Ms. E. Lindquist, M. Paget

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 12:05pm by Dr. Sarah Weeks (Chair).
Welcome everyone and a brief overview of what the meeting would entail.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda –

No vote on the Agenda as we did not meet quorum

3. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2022

Motion: All Approved by electronic vote

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Class of 2025: Mr. Vak Joe informed the committee that the Class of 2025 had several exams and they had just completed their Course 2 Final. Given a busy exam schedule in Course 3, they were hoping to find ways to alleviate some of the tension that may develop. He reported they will start Career Development over the next two weeks and are looking forward to their winter break.

Class of 2024: Ms. Kathy Fu was very happy to report that the Class of 2024 just completed their last pre-clerkship written exam on December 8th and officially had their AHS introduction. The year 2 OSCE will be taking place on December 14th and 15th prior to starting their two week winter break, then returning for ICP and Integrative before starting clerkship. Ms. Fu did mention there was some concern with the fire alarm interruption during the Course 6 exam.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Dr. Naugler reported effort in presenting the RIME curriculum to all main campus, CACMS and government committees for approval. He will be presenting at the very last University Academic Planning and Priorities Committee on Monday, December 12th for approval and then it will go through the approval process for the Ministry of Higher Education.

Dr. Naugler also reported that changes were made to the MSPR policy to better reflect the national standard.

4.3 Clerkship Committee Update

Nothing to report as Dr. Busche was unable to attend.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Desy was unable to attend but Dr. Weeks did report there was a change made at the last SEC meeting to the requirements for the communications unit within Medical Skills. Students now need to attend a certain percentage of the communications sessions to be considered complete and participate in the OSCE.

4.5 Update on EDI Initiatives

Nothing to report as Gauri Taneja was unable to attend.

4.6 RIME Update

Dr. Weeks reported to the committee that there is a lot of work being done. There are still positions to be filled. The Director of the Professional Role has been posted. The successful candidate will replace Dr. Melinda Davis who is now the Associate Dean of PGME. Two more short term positions educator roles will be posted to help the current Pre-clerkship Educators (PCE) to ensure the learning objectives and clinical presentations for pediatrics and ethics are covered and to act as consultants for the PCEs.

Course Reports

5.1 Course 4 – Dr. Hanan Bassyouni

Dr. Bassyouni reported that Course 4 ran from April 12th to June 21st, 2022 for the Bilbies Class of 2024. She gave a brief course overview of Nephrology, Endocrinology and Urology. Nephrology content is mostly based on a series of short, topic specific podcasts developed in 2021 and 2022 – topics covered in podcasts then have live interactive problem-solving large class session. The endocrine content is lecture based with topic specific large group review sessions following each topic completion. The Urology content was taught with traditional lectures. Additional course resources include CARDS - noting that two new decks for endocrine were released this year. Office hours were offered in different formats: in-person Q&A and online. Zoom white boards talks that were recorded were the most attended. The white board review sessions covered nephrology and endocrinology topics systemically. EDI related topics included: Cultural aspects of diabetes management, mental health and diabetes, gender affirming/transgender workshop, new erectile dysfunction lecture delivery, multiple patient presentations and joint session with the communications course on the topic of diabetes. Dr. Bassyouni reported that clinical correlation resumed for nephrology as they were on hold for two years due to the pandemic. Students went to the dialysis unit for ~2 hour session. Endocrinology has a diabetes community interview with a patient and then present in a small groups session, rotating in-person patient presentations and a ~2 hour small group cases with Urology. She reported that their course committee meetings took place via Zoom and over email.

The course breakdown consisted of ~99 hours of lectures, small groups make up about a fifth of the course, large classroom reviews make up ~10% of the course, clinical core was ~10 hours and patient presentations were ~6 hours. She reported that the overall student ratings was lower compared to last year at 3.22. Live lectures were higher than podcast lectures, small groups are always over 4.0 and office hours were the highest rated.

She reported the course strengths and weaknesses remain the same. There were some individual teachers in the course that had some specific feedback, mostly about inclusiveness and terminology which they have discussed and addressed individually.

Changes from the previous course: creation of a substantial portion of dedicated podcasts was completed this year for nephrology content. Changes from the previous endocrinology section included brand new content and lecturers for sections previously covered by Dr. Corenblum. There was a new lecture on limb

preservation in diabetes, new multidisciplinary session on mental health and diabetes and new patient presentations. Planned changes for next year include introducing a new session on homelessness and diabetes with Dr. Dave Campbell.

Assessment included two quizzes that were ~17% each and a final MCQ worth ~66%.

Items for discussion with PCC: little change with RIME coming next year, concern needing to maintain ownership of content with our section members with the switch to RIME since content will be spread out over the 18 months of pr-clerkship.

Behind the Scenes Awards: Kelly Ho, Shauna Bonnett, Dr. Kevin McLaughlin, Dr. Joshua Low, Dr. David Keegan, Dr. Bernard Corenblum, Dr. Amita Mahajan, Dr. Kirstie Lithgow, Sr. Sana Ghaznavi and Dr. Zaina Albalawi

The Course 4 Report is attached for your review

Proposal: Shelly to circulate the Course 4 report for electronic approval. No concerns for those in attendance

All in favour

5. New Business

Accreditation

Dr. Marcy Mintz reported to the committee the part one formal accreditation will occur in October 2024 and part two in December 2024. Some students will still be part of the traditional curriculum. The accreditation steering committee meeting took place December 9th and all six subcommittees are forming. Some of the subcommittee members have already met, including the UME subcommittee. The 96 elements are being broken down. Dr. Mintz reported large student involvement and engagement with over 50 of the students spanning all three years. When the new class starts in July they will be invited to be involved with the subcommittees as well. A student town hall meeting was held on Monday, December 5th that included the student-driven committee, the Independent Student Analysis subcommittee, class presidents along with accreditation coordinator, Gretchen Greer. Approximately 60 students were in attendance, and it was a really positive, engaged group with lots of questions surrounding the RIME curriculum. She reported the actual survey will be distributed for the students between January and the end of March 2023. An additional committee - the Medical School Self Study Committee will start up in the summer.

Dr. Weeks thanked everyone for attending and announced the next PCC meeting will take place on Friday, January 13, 2023

Meeting adjourned @ 1:15pm

Minutes by: Shelly Sullivan

Edited by: