



Pre-Clerkship Committee (PCC) Minutes

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APPROVED

Friday, February 4, 2022

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. F. Aghajafari, S. Anderson, A. Bass, H. Bassyouni, V. Bhella, A. Bromley, K. Busche, M. Davis, E. Dempsey, J. Desy, A. Harvey, R. Kachra, T. Killam, M. Lee, T. Lohmann, C. Naugler, J. Paw, W. Rosen, A. Seto, K. Smyth, P. Stokes, C. Svrcek, S. Weeks (Chair), T. Wu, Mr. M. Bondi, Ms. K. Chadbolt, Ms. S. Facchini, Ms. K. Fu, M. Paget, Ms. N. Pigford, Ms. S. Sullivan (admin), M. Yarema

Regrets: Drs. L. Barss, G. Bendiak, S. Bhayana, N. Brager, E. Cheng, J. Chu, A. DiNinno, J. Fognou, S. Jarvis, D. Jenkins, C. Josephson, M. Jung, R. Kapadia, M. Kelly, M. Keir, P. Lee, K. McBrien, C. Naugler, E. Qirjazi, J. Rizkallah, J. Schachar, N. Sharma, L. Willetts, I. Wishart, Mr. S. Bell, Ms. S. George, Ms. S. Leskowsky, Ms. E. Lindquist, Ms. L. Palmer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 12:30pm by Dr. Sarah Weeks (Chair). Welcome to members and a brief overview of what the meeting would entail.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for February 4, 2022 was approved All in Favor - Motion Approved

3. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2022 PCC Meeting Motion: Dr. K. Busche Seconded: Dr. A. Bromley All in Favor - Motion Approved

4. Standing Updates

4.1 Student Reports

Ms. Kathy Fu informed the committee that students feel Course 3 is a much heavier workload and steeper learning curve. Quiz 1 results were released, and overall class did very well. Students really appreciated getting the results so quickly and very happy to report they are now back in the anatomy lab.

4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee

Nothing to report at this time

4.3 Clerkship Committee Update

Dr. Busche updated the committee that Class of 2023 have just started early Clerkship doing Inter-Professional Education and Community Engaged Learning electives. They will be starting their first mandatory block on February 21st. Class of 2022 virtual CaRMS interviews will begin in two weeks and take place over the course of three weeks. Once CaRMS interviews are completed they have one week of MCC review with their Clerkship OSCE. Dr. Busche informed the committee that when pre-clerks are doing their

Career Exploration weeks clinically, they do have a short ITER completed and it is reasonable for residents to be involved in completing those ITERS as long as they clearly identified who the supervising physician was so there is documentation for the university processes. It was agreed by the AFMC that for the Class of 2023 there would be no visiting electives and the options for Class of 2024 will be discussed next UME Dean's Group next March.

4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update

Dr. Weeks announced in Dr. Desy's absence that there are no new rules or regulations reported. Exams are currently going well. Four mentors have been hired as part of the SUCCESS Program that is offered to students who have either had an unsatisfactory result or are within the mentoring threshold. This program involves a series of podcasts and they can be assigned to a group or with a mentor.

4.5 Update on EDI Initiatives

Ms. Pigford reported that they offered training sessions titled "Addressing bias and resident selection by OPED and OFDP". An asynchronous video was filmed along with some live sessions where there could be more discussion interactive sessions. A few more dates will be added.

Dr. Weeks informed the committee that she and Dr. Naugler have met with Dr. Javier, the Inaugural Chair for the EDI sub-committee. He is expected to be joining our next PCC meeting in March.

4.6 RIME Update

Mr. Paget announced the upcoming job postings for a number of positions for the RIME project. Content creation for the Class of 2026 curriculum will begin in Q3 2022, focusing on podcasts, cards, and the curation of appropriate third-party material. Currently interviewing block chair applicants and working on job descriptions for the upcoming positions. Ongoing engagement with stakeholders across the CSM. We are working to improve the frequency of communications from this initiative.

RIME report attached for your review

5. Course Reports

5.1 Course 6

Drs Teresa Wu and Jadine Paw gave a brief course overview and slide presentation on Obstetrics & Gynecology and Children's Health. They reported similar breakdown to last year in terms of lecture and small group hours. Small groups were slightly down because a pathology SG was removed from gynecology and embedded into clinical aspects of pathology for patient presentation. Lecturers have worked very hard providing live Zoom lectures. This year there were 73 Zoom lectures, a huge increase. Lectures, small groups and clinical core are higher rated on the student survey compared to last year. Dr. Paw discussed some OBGYN Course Strengths; Clinical Core, lectures and lecturers, clear organization and concept. Course weaknesses included inconsistent small group preceptor experience (not using preceptor guide) and order of lectures (OB-peds-gyne).

Dr. Wu reported Pediatric Course strengths included weekly review sessions and practice MCQ, Clinical Core, integration of material, a clear outline, goals and objectives and organization. Pediatric Course weaknesses included; order of lectures, breadth of material and some individual lectures (mostly old podcasts).

Dr. Paw reported OBGYN changes from the previous course include a new breast lead and structure of breast lectures (improved ratings); repackaging of pathology; mindful addition of EDI and attempt to streamline material previously covered. Dr. Wu reported Pediatric changes from the previous course. All pre-clerkship pediatric curriculum was reviewed with topics added or removed; small groups rewritten to drive home core points and improve integration of topics; One small group session on development was removed and one integrative SG session was added (General Pediatrics and the Pillars of Health). Weekly review sessions were held and there was a mindful addition of EDI.

OBGYN issues encountered with suggested solutions: pathology cards, order of topics not ideal for learning and need for increased basic science to them scaffold further learning. Dr. Wu reported the following issues that were encountered in pediatrics; COVID, breadth of material, exam and blueprint and order of topics. Dr. Paw informed the committee that this will be her last year in this UME role. Dr. Wu reported the following Pediatric changes; Course 6 will come after Course 7 next year. Dr. Paw reported the evaluation breakdown was midterm 40% and final 60%. Course results: 89% satisfactory with 8% mentoring, 3% were unsatisfactory.

Drs Paw and Wu nominated the following individuals for “Behind the Scenes” awards for all their hard work and dedication. Dr. Sandy Peacock, Carmen Wong, Chris Novak and Kim Smyth.

Ms. Chadbolt presented the financial information for Course 6. There was a brief discussion where she encouraged Course Leaders to contact her if their courses are in need of additional resources. Preclerkship courses do not have the same budget structure as the mandatory clerkships. If there is room in the budget, and if it is essential for the educational experience of the students, additional funds (within reasonable limits) may be available.

Proposal: To accept the Course 6 Report as it was presented today.

First: Dr. S. Anderson

Second: Dr. A. Bass

All in favour.

5.2 UME Pharmacology

Dr. Yarema reviewed for the committee the Top 100 drug classes. He reported that this list now includes the top 200 drugs that were dispensed in Alberta during the 2020 fiscal year (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021). The preface and background and how the document is used has not changed compared to last year. All the resources listed are available to everyone without a subscription. Dr. Yarema also presented to the group, the larger UME Pharmacology Handbook which students receive on the first day of class. The purpose of this document is meant to be a comprehensive guide to the drugs and drug classes that are taught during the three-year UME curriculum that is created by the students for the students. Report attached for your review

Proposal: To accept the Pharmacology Report as it was presented today.

First:

Second:

All in favour.

6. New Business

6.1 MCCQE Results

Dr. Weeks reported that she circulated the MCCQE Part 1 results to the committee for review. This multiple-choice licensing exam is done at the end of medical school. Dr. Weeks’ presentation included the performance of our UofC students compared to other Canadian graduates on different areas of the exams. UofC ranks just below the national average for first time takers (within the error).

Updates:

Dr. Weeks reported changes made to the attendance and flex day policies that will primarily affect the pre-clerkship program. Students will now get five FLEX days instead of three with only a total of ten being given out on any day. With the attendance policy, small groups are mandatory and will now require an excused absence. They will be unable to take any more than two consecutive days.

Dr. Weeks thanked everyone for attending and let the committee know that the next meeting will be on March 11, 2022 via Zoom - Course 1, Course 2 and ICP will be presenting.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:48pm

Next PCC Meeting: March 11, 2022 @ 12:30pm

Minutes by: Shelly Sullivan

Edited by: Dr. Sarah Weeks