



# Pre-Clerkship Committee (PCC) Minutes

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### APPROVED

Friday, November 4, 2022

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

**Attendees:** Drs. F. Aghajafari, S. Anderson, V. Bhella, A. Bromley, K. Busche, M. Davis, J. Desy, A. Harvey, R. Kachra, T. Killam, M. Lee P. Lee, T. Lohmann, M. Mintz, J. Paw, A. Seto, S. Weeks (Chair), C. Svrcek, G. Taneja, T. Wu, Mr. M. Bondok, SA. Facchini, K. Fu, V. Joe, J. Kreutz, M. Paget, S. Sullivan (admin),

**Regrets:** A. Bass, H. Bassyouni, E. Cheng, E. Dempsey, J. Fognou, K. Jamani, R. Kapadia, M. Kelly, C. Naugler J. Rizkallah, W. Rosen, K. Smyth, P. Stokes, Mr. S. Bell, K. Chadbolt, S. Leskosky, Ms. E. Lindquist

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 12:33pm by Dr. Sarah Weeks (Chair). She gave a brief overview of what the meeting would entail and welcomed new EDI Specialist, Ms. Gauri Taneja.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Passed unanimously

**Motion:** Dr. K. Busche **Seconded:** Dr. J. Desy

**All in Favor - Motion Approved**

### 3. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2022 – Passed unanimously

**Motion:** Dr. J. Desy **Seconded:** Dr. K. Busche

**All in Favor - Motion Approved**

### 4. Standing Updates

#### 4.1 Student Reports

**Class of 2025:** Mr. Jason Kreutz and Mr. Vak Joe introduced themselves to the committee. They reported that the Course 1 grades were recently released and the Class had just completed Rheumatology portion of Course 2. The accreditation committee will be starting up soon and all applications for students have been submitted. They expressed that there was some concern with the scheduled outages with various IT services CARDS, OSLER. They also expressed concerns around the timeline when they will receive their Course 2 midterm grade given the close proximity of that to the Course 2 final exam. They informed the committee that Dr. Moran Toro and Dr. Parsons' had offered a midterm review session following the course 2 midterm which the Class will appreciate. Mr. Joe announced will be on the RIME interview panel for a new Director for the Review in RIME.

**Class of 2024:** Mohammed Bondok reported they just completed their Anatomy Exam and Course 6 Midterm will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Tania Pander for being so supportive and helpful. He reported that they recently attended the Western Dean's Conference and will provide an update to the class outlining the general policies and academic supports. Ms Kathy Fu thanked Dr. Jadine Paw for their OBGYN summary notes for small groups. Ms. Fu mentioned that one of the most recent topics of discussion amongst

the class was lack of privacy in the UME office area when students are reviewing exams. Dr. Desy did explain the limitations surrounding that and further discussions can take place outside the committee to consider some other options.

#### **4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee**

Nothing to report as Dr. Naugler was unable to attend

#### **4.3 Clerkship Committee Update**

Dr. Busche reported that things are moving along for the Class of 2023, currently in Clerkship. They are in the midst of preparation work required for their documents to CaRMS. He reported that SAWH was happy that the Class of 2023s have been taking advantage of their resources in terms of writing personal letters, CVs and they will have interview practice in the new year. The Class of 2024 students are still in the midst of booking electives for the January to May period of clerkship. Dr. Busche informed the committee there have been some challenges with the AFMC portal booking and we continue to work with other schools and AFMC to try and make this process better. He reported that the lottery is now running and the CaRMS timeline for the Class of 2024 is now available.

#### **4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update**

Dr. Desy reported they have not had a SEC meeting since the last PCC meeting and the next one will take place on November 28<sup>th</sup>. She reported that the Course 1 final grades were sent out well within 14 business days. She reported that things are moving forward with RIME, continuing to think about how assessment will look in the new curriculum. Dr. Bendiak was selected as the Director for Assessment in RIME. Dr. Desy thanked Mr. Mike Paget for an excellent job to map out all the content they currently have. She also reported that they will be meeting with the anatomy team shortly to begin to envision how assessments might look in RIME.

#### **4.5 Update on EDI Initiatives**

Ms. Taneja reported she is very new to OPEd as the EDI Education Specialist and has been working on developing some recent sessions on Indigenous Awareness and will be delivering one on Inclusive Language to the UME staff in December.

#### **4.6 RIME Update**

Dr. Sarah Weeks reported that RIME will be launching in July 2023 and announced that she is now the Chair of the RIME committee. The Block Directors and other longitudinal directors have been working together laying out learning objectives within the curriculum and engaging the pre clerkship educators. Working on content creation, curation and mapping out how these clinical presentations are going to be taught. Also working on true integration, - no content without social context. Educators are aware that their roles involve teaching health equity, structural competencies and learning objectives that will be equally important and integrated within the teaching of that week.

She announced that Dr. Glenda Bendiak has accepted the role of Director of Assessment and a new director role (Review) has been posted and is in the selection process. This Director role will involve helping students tie things together, pointing out key pieces of information as well helping personalize learning for the students.

### **Course Reports**

#### **5.1 Population Health**

Dr. Murray Lee gave an overview of the Population Health Report to the committee along with a course breakdown. He reported that this is the first course with a broad focus on the distribution and determinants

of disease and the role of physicians, society and the public health system in addressing it. Emphasis throughout on disparity and equity. The course consists of three main components: population health, public health and pluralism and social innovation. He reported changes from the previous year included: primarily live-in-person delivery, an evolving “Health Systems” block and more exam prep. Dr. Lee reported that the overall course student rating in 2022 was 3.82 and Teaching (Avg) was 4.47 higher than the overall course with lectures at 4.50 and small groups 3.34. Top Strengths included: solid brand (strong lectures, limited faculty and excellent TBL sessions), new students who were keen, receptive and had diverse backgrounds, and an evaluation plan that was transparent and fair (70/30 split). He reported the top limitations included: social innovation sessions, connection to community health sciences/public health and preventative medicine. Some anticipated challenges: much of the PH teaching has been based on conversion and discourse, however over the past couple of years, a trend toward explicit intolerance of dissent and open discussion by some of the most engaged students has led to non-constructive discomfort and disengagement among allies and others in the class.

Behind the Scenes Awards: AV team (Bruce and Chris), Mike Paget and Nicolle Begert

**The PH Course is attached for your review**

**Proposal:** Dr. Sarah Anderson proposed to accept the Population Health Report as it was presented today

Second: Mr. Vak Joe  
All in favour

## 5. New Business

No new business to report

Dr. Weeks announced that OSLER will be receiving a new name and Dr. Naugler will be attending the meeting in November on our behalf (post meeting – this has been postponed to January 2023).

Dr. Weeks thanked everyone for attending and announced the next PCC meeting will take place on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and with the committees approval, start time will be at 1200pm with Course 1 and Course 4 presenting

**Meeting adjourned @ 2:07pm**

**Minutes by: Shelly Sullivan**

**Edited by: Sarah Weeks**