

# SEC Meeting May 26, 2025

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## Meeting Overview

Chair: Dr. Janeve Desy

Call to Order: 2:04pm

Quorum: Confirmed

## Attendance

- Dr's. J. Desy (Chair), L. Harper, T. Wu, K. McLaughlin, D. Miller, A. Bromley, J. Bertram, V. David, J. Haws, S. McQuillan, K. Nelson, L. Willetts, T. Wong, T. Wu
- M. Paget, K. Martin, A. Adel (2027 Rep), R. Mayall (2027 Rep), M. Hsu (2027 Rep), D. Jean (Admin), Y. Burton, SA Facchini, S. Litton (SAWH Rep), S. Leskosky, K. O'Donnell, S. Tai,

## Regrets (mentioned):

- Dr's, S. Weeks, K. Busche, G. Bendiak, M. Davis, E. Cheng, Z. Goodarzi, K. Hecker,
- R. Anderson (CI 2027 Rep), S. Ivaturi (CI 2026 Rep), R. Jalil, R. Mallett, N. Mannani, D. Menesho, M. Powell, A. Randhawa (CI 2026), M. Sobczak

## Agenda Items & Discussions

### Approval of Previous Minutes & Agenda

Motion: Kevin McLaughlin

Seconded: Lea Harper

Outcome: Approved via private chat vote

### Standing Items

#### CIO Committee Update (Dr. Lea Harper)

Curricular change approved to enhance the clinical skills longitudinal course.

Legacy content moved to podcasts to allow more time for simulation and study.

No changes to learning objectives.

Implementation start March 2025

## **Student Reports – Class of 2027**

Presented by: Adibba Adel, Robert Mayall

Unit 7 exam upcoming; Unit 8 in June.

OSCE blueprints posted.

CDW placements assigned for early June.

### **Student Concerns:**

- Dropped exam questions: Request to share which were dropped and why. Concerns that questions might be dropped because they are incorrect and then students will learn the incorrect information from the review deck.
- Impact of novel questions (20–50%) on progression.
- MSK special tests inconsistency in teaching.

### **Responses:**

- Dropped questions are removed from review decks entirely (Kerri Martin).
- Hofstee method adjusts passing thresholds based on overall class performance and is responsive to any changes in difficulty of exam content; exam performance is not compared year to year by the competency committee and decisions are made based on meeting the thresholds for that year (Janeve Desy, Mike Paget).
- MSK special tests are intended for Block 3 OSCE, not Block 2 OSCE (Theresa Wu, Janeve Desy).

### **Academic Technologies Update (Mike Paget)**

- Clinical Presentations now linked to pages made up of all tagged material in FreshSheet, allowing students, faculty, and staff to view all content associated with a given presentation, e.g. Abdominal Pain.
- The team continues to update login infrastructure from CAS to SSO  
Exam deck release delays are ongoing and due to repeated deferrals.

### **Evaluation Team Update**

No additional updates (Kerri Martin).

## **New Business**

### **Exam Deferral Policy Proposal (Dr. Lea Harper)**

Background:

UME currently lacks a formal deferral policy.

Current practice allows multiple deferrals, causing:

Student backlog (e.g., 96 students with 196 deferred exams in Class of 2027).

Delays in progression and residency readiness.

Resource strain on exam administration.

**Proposal:**

Align with University of Calgary policy:

One deferral allowed.

If rewrite examination is missed, student receives a zero i.e. no deferral of a deferred examination

**Discussion:**

- Supported by faculty for educational and logistical reasons.
- Students requested flexibility for medical or personal emergencies.
- Clarified that exceptional circumstances that are submitted to the relevant Assistant Dean prior to the examination date will still be considered.
- Decision: Tabled for now. Student reps can provide additional feedback if relevant. Electronic vote to follow.

**Motion on Novel Question Proportion (Marissa Hsu)**

Proposal:

Maintain current 20–50% novel question range for Class of 2027.

No further changes to this proportion during pre-clerkship.

Motivation: Reduce anxiety, maintain consistency, avoid mid-block changes.

**Discussion:**

- Faculty emphasized the educational value of novel questions.
- Need for flexibility in future changes.
- Importance of preserving assessment validity.
- Decision: Motion tabled until September. Students will revisit after more exam experience with the increased number of novel questions, and once Class of 2028 reps are elected.

**Key Decisions & Outcomes**

- Approval of Agenda & Minutes: Approved
- Exam Deferral Policy: Tabled for additional feedback; electronic vote to follow

- Novel Question Proportion: Tabled until September for further review

### **Next Meeting**

Date: November 3, 2025

Agenda: Will include follow-up on deferral policy and novel question motion

Adjourned at 3pm