



Student Evaluation Committee (SEC) Minutes

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APPROVED

Monday, September 23, 2024 2:00-4:00 PM

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Drs. S. Anderson, G. Bendiak, A. Bromley, J. Desy (chair), J. Haws, C. Hutchison, K. McLaughlin, S. McQuillan, D. Miller, M. Mintz, K. Nelson, S. Weeks, T. Wong, Ms. Y. Burton, Ms. S-A Facchini, M. Hsu, Mr. S. Ivaturi, V. Joe, S. Leskosky, K. Martin, D. Menesho, Ms. K. O'Donnell, Mr. M. Paget, M. Sobczak, S. Tai

Regrets: Drs. K. Busche, E. Cheng, V. David, M. Davis, Z. Goodarzi, K. Hecker, R. Jalil, M. Powell, T. Wu, Ms. A. Adel, Mr. J. Kreutz, N. Mannani, Ms. A. Randhawa, Mr. H. Shah

Guests: Drs. Adam Bass, M. Lee

Call to Order

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. J. Desy.

Dr. Desy suggested that SEC Members introduce themselves.

- 1. Approval of SEC Minutes (May 27, 2024) and today's Meeting Agenda** – The SEC Minutes from May 27, 2024 as well as today's meeting Agenda were presented by Dr. Desy. There were no additions, revisions, etc.
- 2. Motion:** Dr. S. Weeks **Seconded:** M. M. Paget
All in Favor – Motion Approved

3. Standing Items

3.1 Committee Updates

RPCC: Dr. Weeks informed members that the PCC has dissolved and the RPCC (encompassing the RIME curriculum) meets monthly. Dr. Weeks informed members that the Class of 2027 animal is called the Potoo(s). She also reported that the Class of 2027 is currently in Unit 2 (Block 1) with their Career Development week taking place this coming November. The Class of 2026 is currently in Unit 10 (Block 3). Dr. Weeks informed members that RPCC recently approved a timetable change for the Class of 2028 proposing that the Monday afternoon tutorial groups move to Friday mornings and the Professional Role time move to Monday afternoons. As well, the Intro to Patient of the Week will move to the afternoon. This proposal will be brought forward to UMEC on Sept 27th, 2024.

Clerkship: Dr. Busche was unable to attend today's SEC meeting. There were no items

forwarded for today's meeting. The Clerkship Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Sept 24th, 2024.

UMEC: Dr. Bromley reported that the last UMEC meeting was on May 31, 2024 and at that meeting the Clerkship and SEC annual reports were presented. As well, UMEC held a discussion regarding the Extended Clerkship Policy (which will also be discussed at the upcoming Clerkship Committee meeting on Sept 24th and brought back to UMEC on Sept 27th). UMEC also discussed some proposed modifications to Tutorial Group facilitators and Anatomy Preceptors (specifically in response to the recruitment and some budgetary issues).

3.2 Reports

Student Reports:

Class of 2025: Mr. J. Vak reported that it is CaRM's season for the class and they are currently in the last rotation that will appear on their MSPR letters. Mr. Vak thanked, on behalf of his class, all preceptors who have filled out ITERS, EPA's and/or Reference Letters. Mr. Vak asked when the Class of 2025 will have another Associate Dean's test. Dr. Desy reported that she will review the timeline and an Associate Dean's test should be released soon. In addition, Dr. Desy noted that there are two MCC-style exams available through Cards. Mr. Vak also inquired about the cost of the new MCC Prep Exam. Dr. Desy reported that she will keep the class updated once she has more information on the MCC Prep exams. Mr. Vak inquired whether it is possible to have a document stating the MPL's for Clerkship exams. Dr. Desy explained that this could be done; however, there are various exam sheets that have different passing thresholds based on the difficulty of the exams. Mr. Vak suggested that even a range would be beneficial. Dr. Desy agreed that a range would be a good idea. Mr. Vak commented that his class is heavily in favor of the new Clerkship assessment for the future classes.

Class of 2026: Mr. S. Ivaturi reported that in July, 2024 there was a letter addressed to Dr. Bromley from a number of students from the Class of 2026 regarding concerns about assessment. Dr. Bromley then gave a presentation regarding assessment. There are some students that still have unanswered questions regarding assessment and have created another letter that they would like circulated. Mr. Ivaturi reported that the class has an Associate Dean's Exam that is scheduled sometime in Block 3 (date TBD) as well as the Block 3 OSCE (Dec, 2024). The Unit 10 MCQ is scheduled for Oct 18th. Mr. Ivaturi reported that he recently attended the CFMS General Meeting. He commented that it is helpful to interact with other medical students from across Canada. He noted that there are a lot of things that Calgary is doing well such as student wellness and flexibility (ex. attendance). Mr. Ivaturi noted that Dr. Busche, Assistant Dean of Clerkship, as well as UME representatives, gave a presentation regarding the new Clerkship assessment process. Students were able to communicate their concerns.

Class of 2027: Ms. M. Hsu reported that she too participated in the CFMS General Meeting. She noted that there should be Student Assessment Reps for the Class of 2027 appointed by the end of October. Ms. Hsu noted that students have not approached her (or Ms. A. Adel, the other VP Academics) with concerns specifically relating to the content of fundamentals (it was noted that students were pleased with the post exam survey and the feedback area at the end of the exam). A concern that did arise is the release time for Assessment Review Decks. Dr. Desy noted that the Assessment Review Decks can not be released until all of the deferrals are done. Ms. Hsu noted that the OSCE Information Session is booked for Nov 15th

– she has requested an earlier date for this session. Drs. Desy and Bendiak will check to see if they can book an earlier date for the session.

Academic Technologies – Mr. M. Paget reported that the Clerkship Lottery for the Class of 2026 just occurred with a very good result. As well, Mr. Paget reported that with regard to assessment development - as of last summer, students from the classes of 2026 and 2027 have the ability to print decks so that they can have offline versions of decks to study. Mr. Paget also reported that the Academic Technologies team will be launching the PDF Viewer in Fresh Sheet shortly.

Evaluation Team – Ms. Martin reported that Unit Exam 1 is wrapped up, the results have been released, as well, the Review Deck has been released. The team is finalizing Units 2 (class of 2027) and 10 (class of 2026).

4. Old Business/Updates:

There was no Old Business/Updates items discussed at today's meeting.

5. New Business:

New content on RIME Unit Examinations (Dr. S. Weeks)

- Dr. Weeks explained that the current RIME exam structure is to pull exam questions from the Card decks that correspond with the specific unit. Dr. Weeks noted that a few things have transpired, such as potentially there are things that are not being tested that are important, as well, students may not be putting appropriate attention on things unless it appears in a Card deck (that has a lot of cards). Dr. Weeks noted that the Class of 2026 requested (early in RIME) for either novel, or Legacy-based questions to challenge their knowledge challenged. Dr. Weeks noted that while we continue to work very hard to expand the Card base, it's important to look for other areas to have assessment on. Therefore, they would like to introduce some new questions to the RIME unit exams (the new questions would be covered in the learning material).
- Dr. Weeks suggested providing a few formative examples prior to the exam.
- The Evaluation Team will be sending out an email communication about this new assessment update.
- Ms. Hsu asked if the novel questions would somewhat resemble the Card's questions, or would they be completely different? Dr. Desy explained that the format will be similar as a single-best answer, multiple choice question.
- Ms. Hsu asked if it would be possible to propose a counter motion that on subsequent exams, instead of jumping to 20% of non-based Cards questions, that a slower, progressive rollout of the non-Cards based questions (5, 10, 15% at a time for each subsequent exam). Dr. Desy noted that if the original proposal does not get approved then we can make a counter proposal and vote on Ms. Hsu's proposal.

Motion:

Starting with the Unit 3 (Fundamentals 3) and Unit 11 (Fundamentals 11) assessments, up to 20% of questions on the exam could be comprised of non-CARDS based questions. These questions would align with the learning objectives of the course and be covered in learning events including: podcasts,

large group sessions, tutorial group sessions, clinical skills sessions or anatomy sessions. The questions would be analyzed as per protocol to ensure quality and validity.

13 votes in favor, 1 vote not in favor

Motion carried

Clerkship Assessment Strategy Proposal (Dr. J. Desy) - Dr. Desy presented a power point presentation titled "Clerkship Assessment Strategy" (attached) requesting that this committee focus on the assessment-related aspect of the proposal.

Motion:

Be it resolved that we move to the updated clerkship examination format presented here (namely, that clerkship knowledge examinations will be moved from individual clerkship rotations into the "block 4" course, and will interleave content from all clerkship rotations into one comprehensive assessment, repeated 3 times throughout clerkship, with 1 being formative, and 2 and 3 being summative. Students will be required to pass either examination 2 or examination 3.

13 votes in favor, 1 vote abstained

Motion Carried

Letter from the Class of 2026 – Mr. D. Menesho, from the class of 2026 explained there was a subsequent letter written as a follow-up to original letter addressed to Dr. Bromley (the first letter was sent in July, 2024). The second letter explains that there are a few more questions around MPL's, Review Policies, and communication of any policies that have been updated. Dr. Bromley noted that she has not yet received the second letter from the students. Dr. Desy asked if it is acceptable to review the second letter and provide a response once the second letter has been received. Dr. Bromley noted that since the second letter is noted on today's SEC Agenda we can follow up and incorporate a response and have that listed as a part of the Minutes of today's meeting and subsequent meetings to come. This way, there is a clear pathway for a student, or group of students, to present their concerns, get a response and have an outcome.

The SEC meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.