

CLERKSHIP DIRECTORS COMMITTEE

March 7, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Justman (Chair), Anderson, Clancy, Clark, Cunningham-Ford, Eckert, Elvers, Garcia, Guzman-Armstrong, Handoo, Kayser, Lindquist, Mabry, Naberhaus, Solow, Spector

Absent: Allareddy, Duffe, Gratton, Kanellis, McKnight, Synan, Timmons, Welsh-Grabin, Wilke, J. Yoder

1.0 Approval of February 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 14th meeting were approved as corrected:

2.0 Update: Subcommittee on Clinical Assessment

The subcommittee is undertaking several initiatives and compiling information on:

- Evaluation instruments used in the D3 clinics (e.g., AxiUm, paper records).
- Clerkship definitions of SMN and how the totals are averaged, individually assessed and weighted in the overall grade distribution.

The next project is comparing and contrasting evaluation instruments across disciplines with the goal of minimizing differences yet allowing for individuality among departments through minor adjustments to grading systems.

3.0 2014-15 D3 Schedule

Discussions have begun to consider beginning the D3 August Orientation earlier in the week, on Wednesday or Thursday. This would allow for at least one unscheduled day during late January or early February between the superblocks. Students would have time to decompress and recharge and faculty would have more time to compute and report grades. Clinic and didactic sessions would not be shortened. Clinic revenues would not be affected.

Comments:

Students do have personal days.

A Friday for the break may affect Oral Surgery may be affected by a Friday break, which is often the clinic's busiest day.

Consider having the break during the Chicago Midwinter meeting.

Students would appreciate even one day between clerkships. They have finals in one block and then pretests for the next.

Operative prefers to schedule orientation for faculty and adjuncts the Friday before the clerkships begin. It is important for calibration. Consider having a joint orientation with Pedo.

During orientation there is a lot of information presented and it would be nice if students could begin the clerkships on the next day to help them retain information.

With a 3-day break, Orientation would begin on Monday and then three days would be open in February.

What would be included in those extra Orientation days?

The suggestion was made to start conservatively with one open day. If that schedule is successful, then consider expanding the break.

4.0 Additional Comments

Dean Solow is conducting separate focus groups for D3 and D4 students regarding the clerkship experience. The groups will include students who have been in the superbloc and those who have not. The discussions will be totally confidential. Questions will focus on what students liked the most/least and how to improve the experience.

Dean Solow reported that two candidates for the full-time Counselor position interviewed this week. Both are strong candidates with experience counseling dental students. The UI Counseling Services will provide supervision. The counselor will work with both DDS and graduate students.

Dr. Garcia reported that, with Dr. Johnsen's approval, the formal working group addressing clinic treatment planning was dissolved. Instead, Dr. Straub-Morarend will review where and how treatment planning is taught through all four years of the curriculum.

5.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2014 at noon in the Deans Conference Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Lynn Eckert.