

MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 4, 2009

PRESENT: Darryn Appleton, John Bigbee, Georgia Blackwood, Kate Bowers, Craig Chiefertz, Mary Ellen Cleary, Cindi Cornelissen, Linda Costanzo, Steve Crossman, Bob Diegelmann, Alan Dow, Doug Franzen, , Frank Fulco, Margaret Grimes, Mark Kovacs, Richard Krieg, Sahar Lotfi-Emran, Virginia Pallante, Evan Reiter, Vibin Roy, Jeanne Schlesinger, Russ Seneca, Crystal Shrestha, Ike Wood.

ABSENT: Susan DiGiovanni, Julia Messina, David Reines,

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Ike Wood, Committee Chair. Minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting were corrected to reflect that Mark Kovacs was present and were then approved.

Dr. Wood presented information he had obtained from Drs. Barry Kirkpatrick, John Pierce and Melissa Bradner, respectively, about their perspective is of an “ideal” clerkship in Pediatrics, OB/GYN and Family Medicine. In addition, Dr. Costanzo had received information from Drs. Stephanie Call and Brian Kaplan about their expectations for starting interns. This was also distributed. Finally, Dr. Wood presented a description of the Arcadia system proposed for use in the Simulation and Patient Safety Center until the new School of Medicine Building is complete. Arcadia will allow for center scheduling, scenario development, inventory management and post scenario analysis. The audiovisual system captures video from the simulation and vital signs and event data from the simulator. Dr. Wood explained to the committee that Dr. Strauss was awaiting a recommendation from the committee about the necessity of purchasing the equipment to be used in the temporary space as a necessary component for implementation of the new curriculum.

Much discussion ensued. It was explained that the levels of simulation are low, medium and high fidelity. The Arcadia allows high fidelity simulation whereas the medical students’ current use of simulation is low fidelity. In addition, there was the suggestion that the Arcadia could not be transferred from one location to the next and could be obsolete by the time the new School of Medicine Building is completed. Concerns were raised in that the committee does not have a sense of how course and clerkship directors might want to expand their use of simulation to justify purchasing the equipment for temporary space use. It was recommended that the course and clerkship directors be queried about the topic and the reports return to the committee, at which point the committee could be better informed in making a recommendation to the Dean.

The committee then began to review the revised recommendations of the Core Clerkships Subcommittee. Concerns were raised that the results represent a reshifting of current course blocks rather than innovations in education during the clerkships. It was recommended that this be revisited using Fink’s model to determine what are the highest standards we expect in our graduates; how will we assess if they have achieved those standards; and then, how we would redesign clinical clerkships to assure that students

will be successful on the clerkships; and then, decide about content and the amount of time to be spent in various disciplines. It was suggested that a subcommittee work on this and then rely on the remainder of the committee to assist in data gathering and providing feedback. It was recommended that a more formal survey of clerkship directors, program directors and interns be completed to determine what they would want to see in an “ideal” intern. Discussion ensued about how best to carry out the survey. In terms of the subcommittee, the M2 students felt that had such minimal experience with and understanding of the M3 year that it would be best that they not serve. The following individuals volunteered to be on the committee:

- Darryn Appleton
- Alan Dow—Chair
- Evan Reiter
- Mark Kovacs
- Doug Franzen
- Steve Crossman
- Ike Wood

The decision was made that the subcommittee would meet during the next Curriculum Planning Committee time (March 18th at 3:00 p.m.) and that the entire committee would reassemble two weeks thereafter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ike Wood, M.D.
Committee Chair