

Evaluation Committee of the Curriculum Renewal Project Meeting Notes November 20, 2008

In attendance: Srinath Adusumalli, Cheryl Al-Mateen, Kimberly Ancheta, Diane Biskobing, Craig Chiefetz, Radha Chirumamilla, Robert Downs, Scott Harrison, Brian Kaplan, Kathy Kreutzer, Melissa Lau, Kedar Lavingia, Paul Mazmanian, Co-Chairman, Roberta McKnight, Sherif Meguid, John Pierce, Azhar Rafiq, Co-Chairman, Fidelma Rigby, Hani Seoudi, Sara Trigero, Kiila Tollerson, Elizabeth Waterhouse, Angela Wetzell, Isaac Wood

1. Paul Mazmanian introduced the agenda for the day, indicating the Evaluation Committee would remain in large group formation throughout the balance of the session. The group reviewed: a) notes from the October 23, 2008, meeting of the Evaluation Committee, b) a table, Summary Data on Courses and Clerkships, used during the most recent LCME accreditation decision for VCU, c) an Evaluation Committee purpose statement, d) a table of methods for evaluation, and e) a timeline for reporting out in June 2009.

The introductory paragraph for item #6 in the October 23, 2008, notes was revised to indicate:

“A summary of results

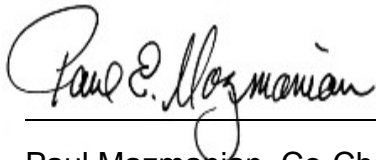
(<http://www.medschool.vcu.edu/curriculum/index.html>) from faculty and student focus groups was presented to the Evaluation Committee. Eight major findings used to drive the Curriculum Renewal Project include...”

It was recalled that the Evaluation Committee serves in an ad hoc capacity, which may become a more permanent organizational unit within a new curriculum structure.

2. Dr. Isaac Wood described progress of the Curriculum Renewal Project, Curriculum Planning Committee. He mentioned the selection of two courses, Endocrine and Immunology, for a fast track option, with course implementation anticipated during Fall 2009.

Dr. Diane Biskobing commented briefly on possible new directions for the Endocrine course. Dr. Robert Downs asked about faculty resources and changes to the small group sessions currently comprising the Endocrine course. Dr. Brian Kaplan mentioned the value of online activities to foster self-assessment and lifelong learning. There was discussion regarding what the redesign process might involve, including coordination with the Center for Human Simulation and Patient Safety and what role the Evaluation Committee might play. Students offered positive comments on the proposed new directions.

3. Dr. Craig Cheifetz briefly described deliberations of the Curriculum Renewal Project, Faculty & Instructional Development Committee. He mentioned that he and Dr. Stephanie Call, Chairperson of the Faculty & Instructional Development Committee are graduates of a faculty development program offered through Stanford University. He added that the faculty competencies of the Stanford Model complement the valued outcomes that emerged from analysis of VCU faculty and student focus groups.
4. Three evaluation committees were assigned by function: a) overall curriculum renewal, b) Endocrine, and c) Immunology. The lists of assigned members appeared on a handout (Attached).
5. The group adjourned at 1:05pm.



Paul Mazmanian, Co-Chairman
Evaluation Committee
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