

Biomedical Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

SMHS

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 – 2pm via Zoom

In attendance: Marc Basson, Kurt Borg, Peter Bueide, Pat Carr Xuesong Chen, Megan Denis, Jane Dunlevy, Ken Ruit, Rick Van Eck, Susan Zelewski.

Members not in attendance: Jon Allen, Minnie Kalyanasundaram, Mark Koponen, Dev Pant, Jim Porter.

Minutes Submitted by: Alissa Hancock

Minutes Reviewed by: Jane Dunlevy

MSC = motion made, seconded, carried

Minutes Approved by: Ken Ruit and Mark Koponen

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome/call to order	Dr. Dunlevy, chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm via Zoom.	Informational
2. Approval of Minutes 11.17.20		MSC to approve the 11.17.20 minutes. Kurt Borg / Xuesong Chen // carried with 1 abstention.
3. Standing Items		
4. Old Business	<p>a. Curriculum redesign transition year planning (2020/2021)</p> <p>Things continue to move fast but going well. Before the Thanksgiving break the first year students were feeling the crunch and pressure. They only had a 3-day weekend between Unified Sessions 2 & 3, but had a week after Unified Session 1 and the students were feeling the burned out at the start of Unified Session 3. Something we might need to consider in the future for scheduling.</p> <p>Year two students are also feeling the same pressure as the first year students. They have a packed schedule and this Friday is the end of block 6 with block 7 starting on Monday. They had last week off for Thanksgiving, which I think helped give them a break. For block 7 they will have class for 2-weeks and then get a 2-week break for the holidays and resume class on January 4. The curriculum is coming at rapid fire for both the students and the faculty.</p> <p>Overall thought the exams are going well and we think having exams every 4-weeks is helpful for the students. Students find that having a little lighter class schedule the week of an exam to be helpful. They also appreciate the weekly TBL quizzes and the role playing they experienced with vaccinations this block. It was more about the experience and students were less worried about all the details for an exam.</p>	Information

	<p>Curriculum 2.0 is coming along and all the design teams have received the objectives that they need to assign to their sessions within their unit. Along with deciding the teaching modalities that will be used for those sessions. The deadline for this to be completed in January 2021 for some units, so we can be prepared for them to start July 2021.</p>	
5. New Business	<p>Phase 1 Summer Electives</p> <p>a. Biomedical Sciences Scientist Track Honors for an elective? Is this something we want to consider? The phase 1 January electives are satisfactory/unsatisfactory because they are only 2-weeks long. These summer electives are 4-weeks in length.</p> <p>For this electives students will get the opportunity to learn about grant writing by critiquing peer writing and other samples. The grade will be based on the observation, written work and review of written work.</p> <p>Currently, honors is only offered in blocks 5-8, and there are studies proving that it is in the student's best interest to not offer honors in the beginning of medical school. This elective would fall in the block5-8 timeframe of the curriculum. However, we need to consider if all electives will have honors offered or not, and we should consider them to be all equal. An alternative option would have the elective be a satisfactory/unsatisfactory with the option to submit a written narrative feedback describing work above and beyond expectations that can be placed in the dean's letter for the students. The elective would also be on the transcript, just like the current 4th year electives are.</p> <p>This elective has potential to interest student's that are on the MD/MPH or a MD/PhD track. There is some concern of the competition between this elective and the REMS 2 elective.</p>	<p>MSC to approve the Basic Science Scientist electives with the S/U grading with the ability to submit a written narrative feedback describing work above and beyond expectations. Susan Zelewski, Ken Ruit // carried.</p>
6. Other Business		
	Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm	Next meeting December 15, 2020.