

Biomedical Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

SMHS

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – 2pm via Zoom

In attendance: Kurt Borg, Peter Bueide, Pat Carr, Xuesong Chen, Megan Denis, Jane Dunlevy, Minnie Kalyanasundaram, Mark Koponen, Bibhuti Mishra, Jim Porter, Ken Ruit, Susan Zelewski.

Members not in attendance: Jon Allen, Marc Basson, Dev Pant, Rick Van Eck.

Minutes Submitted by: Alissa Hancock

Minutes Reviewed by: Jane Dunlevy

MSC = motion made, seconded, carried

Minutes Approved by: Jon Allen and Ken Ruit

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome/call to order	Dr. Dunlevy, chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm via Zoom.	Informational
2. Approval of Minutes 4.27.21		MSC to approve the 4.27.21 minutes. Kurt Borg / Mark Koponen // carried.
3. Standing Items		
4. Old Business	<p>a. Unit 1 Session Content – Weekly Calendar</p> <p>Reviewing the weekly curricular content for Unit 1. We are going to try to schedule doctoring skills on Tuesday (all day) whenever possible. Launch into medical school will be integrated in over the first two weeks of unit 1. There are several new additions to the Launch including a session on Intro to SIM Center, which will be helpful for the students as well as the staff of the SIM Center. The previous orientation PCL case will be in week 2 along with several events with the Dean. Some biomedical sciences lectures along with Doctoring skills will also begin in week 2 integrated amongst other launch sessions. The full normal lecture, PCL, and Doctoring Skills schedule will begin in week 3.</p> <p>There is more unscheduled time in this unit to help students ease into medical school because that was the biggest feedback we received this year was the intensity of information from the start. With Phase 1 being extended to 20-months in length; we were able to give a little breathing room in units 1 & 2, however, in unit 3 the intensity of content will increase and will most likely remain at this high pace throughout the remainder of phase 1. Also scheduled into unit 1 are 2 wellness/study day scheduled for the day before their medical science exams. This will not be the case in every unit but for now we are trying when possible. Additionally, students</p>	MSC to approve the Unit 1 schedule as presented with the understanding that minor changes may happen. Ken Ruit / Patrick Carr // carried.

	<p>have two vacation days after the first set of exams and then a full week off after the second set of exams, which was highly requested by the class of 2024.</p> <p>Discussion about what information is sent out to lectures as they prepare for their session. They do receive the block schedule and objectives and with lectures having the ability to upload their own documents to Leo. The emails they receive are more instructions than anything. Suggestion of possible having a couple emails sent out. One with instructions of how to do things and a second one with reasoning behind the timing of their lecture or point out that they should review the schedule to see what the students have covered before their lecture. This would also help keep the redundancies and continuity of the curriculum content together. Another suggestion was to have lectures reference “First Aid” pages that are relevant to their lecture; students would like that but also know and understand that time restraints and work load makes it difficult.</p>	
5. New Business	<p>a. Proposal to Re-Order Unit Curricular Content</p> <p>The proposal is to move units 7 & 8 on Musculoskeletal and Neurology to units 4 & 5 before the organ units. Pathology text books tend to align content in the original order of the units. But this is assuming that students understand all the basics of normal processes. The proposed re-ordered topic line up would be consistent with a Histology textbook layout for students who are still learning normal processes. Also, the re-ordered content would allow more flexibility in scheduling for Neuro which is a huge component of the curriculum.</p> <p>Discussion about what is covered in the different units and if we can shorten the Musculoskeletal unit and expand the Neurology unit would be helpful if possible. Trimester breaks are very important to keep in mind if this is something we would like to do for financial aid purpose. Another option is to rename the two units so the content could be more integrated but call it part 1 & part 2. Everyone would like more time to process and think through this change as it is a big change to the schedule. We would also like more input from the student representative and come clinical faculty for additional insight to the proposed unit topic order change and continue the discussion at the next meeting.</p>	ACTION ITEM: Need more time to think through and get additional input on the proposal from clinical faculty and students.
	c. (Y2Q) Year 2 Questionnaire results	Tabled
6. Other Business		
	Meeting adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.	Next meeting May 25, 2021.