

Biomedical Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

SMHS

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 – 2pm via Zoom

In attendance: Marc Basson, Kurt Borg, Peter Bueide, Pat Carr, Xuesong Chen, Jane Dunlevy, Minnie Faith, Mark Koponen, Bibhuti Mishra, Jim Porter.

Members not in attendance: Jon Allen, Megan Denis, Dev Pant, Ken Ruit, Rick Van Eck, Susan Zelewski.

Minutes Submitted by: Alissa Hancock

Minutes Reviewed by: Jane Dunlevy

MSC = motion made, seconded, carried

Minutes Approved by: Mark Koponen and Xuesong Chen

AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome/call to order	Dr. Dunlevy, chair called the meeting to order at 2:04pm via Zoom. Requested assistance in recruiting membership for this committee. Also welcome to our new student member Peter Bueide.	Informational
2. Approval of Minutes 6.16.20	They were not posted, so tabled for next meeting.	Tabled
3. Standing Items		
4. Old Business	<p>a. Curriculum redesign transition year planning (2020/2021)</p> <p>The academic year is going ok. There were some hurdles that we have overcome with the class adjusting to virtual classes and also with our transition to Leo, which is replacing evalue, blackboard and drop box. The class is also very slowly embracing the preventative steps to prevent the spread of COVID. There is a positive case within the class of 2024 with a number of close contact. We do not know if the close contacts were from within the building because of studying or if it was an outside the building gathering. We have had at least 4 communications with the class regarding the COVID situation and the expectations of them to follow the guidelines and hoping that this is just one situation. We can ask people in the building why they are not wearing a mask but we cannot ask or if they have approved accommodations but CANNOT ask what the accommodation is for. If a student refuses or does not respect your request for 6ft distance; this can be reported as a professionalism violation.</p> <p>Something to consider to be added for admissions next year is the ability to wear a mask, and Dr. Jim Porter will work on getting this approved. This is also part of a technical standard that we must follow.</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Action Item: Dr. Jim Porter adding able to wear a mask as an admissions requirement.</p>

	<p>The latest results from the gateway exam where we had 9 students take it with 5 passing with an average score of 220. One student will be dismissed from medical school due to a previous block failure and the others will meet with Drs. Pat Carr and Jim Porter about their options. Although those four students that did not pass their average score did increase by 32 points, just wasn't enough.</p>	
<p>5. New Business</p>	<p>a. Block 7 report</p> <p>The exam outcomes were on par with the previous years with re-examinations being on the higher end with 13 and 12 honors this block. The CBSE exam was given this block as a gateway exam with a passing score of 194 and the mean score was 199. There were 45 students that passed the gateway exam in block 7.</p> <p>We did decrease the block length by one week to allow students an extra week of study time for STEP 1. The compression was an adjustment for both faculty and students, however, we are not sure how effective that was this time due to COVID and the transitions happening at that time.</p> <p>The student feedback includes the SIM, PCL and case wrap-ups were the well liked but they also disliked very specific things, which they wrote about in their narrative. With the suggestions for change being so specific it is very difficult to make any changes to the curriculum.</p> <p>As of last Wednesday 7/15.2020 we have had 35 students take the STEP 1 exam and the average score has been 241 which is an increase of 17 point from the previous years, which validates that the changes we have made with the gateway exam and multiple CBSE and CAS exams throughout the year are helping the students.</p>	<p>MSC to accept the AY 2019-2020 Block 7 report. Kurt Borg / Xuesong Chen // carried</p>
	<p>ii. Block 8 report</p> <p>Exams were similar to the previous years. With 6 re-examinations and 21 honors and 2 block failures, which one was dismissed due to a previous block failure. We had to rapid transition from in-person to virtual education during the week 1 of this block. The students seemed to enjoy the change in how their education was given and it seemed to re-energize them because it was something new. We also had remote exams and there were 11 students that did not pass the gateway exam in this block. These students then had to participate in Dr. Minnie's STEP Prep course this summer.</p> <p>The negatives of going to all remote learning that lasted the entire block no clinical skill boot camp and other clinical skills. As an alternative methods Drs. Jon Allen and LaVaun McCann and the SIM Center staff did develop a multiple choice assessment regarding clinical skills and also had a narrative portion where students had to explain their diagnosis reasoning. This was not ideal, but was felt this was the best solution that was available at the time. The students thought that this method would be a better learning tool than an assessment tool.</p>	<p>MSC to accept the AY 2019-2020 Block 8 report. Mark Koponen / Xuesong Chen // carried.</p>

	<p>Future goals are to continue to be prepare for COVID accommodations and to restore the clinical skills boot camp and to add anesthesiology in the curriculum. Also to improve the micro-organisms coverage between pathology and basic science for less redundancy and better coverage overall. The students did appreciate the extra free time they had because there was no option for the boot camp to happen.</p> <p>With COVID the students felt that there was not enough communication or that the faculty weren't not able to answer their questions to the level that they wanted. However, there were two town halls to answer questions with what we knew.</p>	
<p>6. Other Business</p>		
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:14pm</p>	<p>Next meeting August 18, 2020.</p>