**Biomedical Sciences Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**SMHS**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 2pm in room E226**

**In attendance:** Kurt Borg, Xuesong Chen, Joy Dorscher, Jane Dunlevy, Jesse Ewaldt, Mark Koponen, Bibhuti Mishra, Annie Nickum, Ken Ruit, John Shabb, Rick Van Eck, Min Wu, Susan Zelewski.

**Members not in attendance:** Jon Allen, Marc Basson, Pat Carr, Megan Denis, Walter Kemp, Dev Pant, Nancy Vogeltanz-Holm.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Alissa Hancock

**Minutes Reviewed by:** John Shabb

**Minutes Approved by:** John Shabb

MSC = motion made, seconded, carried

**AGENDA ITEM** | **SUMMARY** | **ACTION/FOLLOW-UP**
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1. Welcome/call to order | Dr. Shabb called the meeting to order at 2:07pm in room E226 | Informational

2. Approval of Minutes 7.23.19 | No changes or comments. Minutes were approved as written by consent. | MSC to approve the 7.23.19 minutes by committee consent.


4. Old Business | a. ACHIEVE update (Dorscher) | Informational

- ACHIEVE program will be taught starting in Block 1. Assessment will include Kahoot Quizzes along with other activities and potentially one or two questions in the end-of-block exam. Dr. Dorscher is working with Dr. Van Eck on developing proper learning objectives for the session. Total in and out of class time commitment is limited to the equivalent of one contact hour per session.

- Dr. Dorscher noted that launching of the student newsletter has been delayed because of the need to adhere to university publishing requirements.

b. SIMPLE update (Dunlevy) | Tabled

5. New Business | a. 2018-19 Block 2-4 reports (Dunlevy) | Tabled

b. 2019 Block 8 report (Borg) | Of the 75 students in this block, 24 earned honors, 2 students re-examined and one failed. Strengths included boot camps, RATS, modified Wednesday PCL discussion, pathology, pharmacology and microbiology, simulation experiences and case wrap up. Goals for 2020 are to 1) continue to work to reduce repetitious/redundant lecture content, 2) provide more time for Step 1 prep, 3) incorporate anesthesia/anesthetics content, and 4) streamline dermatology experiences during dermatology week. | MSC to accept the block 8 report with the addition of the study hour’s students reported in the end-of-block student survey.
Looking forward to 2019-2020 year, we will continue to work on removing repetitive lecture content. We are also working shortening blocks 7 & 8 by a week to give students additional time to prepare for STEP 1.

Mark Koponen / Jane Dunlevy // carried.

c. Learning Specialist (Valeria Becker)
Val Becker, Education Resources Learning Sepcialist, joined UND in May, introduced herself to the BSCS and explained her role in helping students develop more effective learning strategies.

Informational

d. Monitoring of curriculum time (Shabb)
Block 1 2018 report included student perceptions about study time (see last meeting’s minutes). The data were further analyzed in an attempt to determine if it might be usefule as a tool to monitor adherence to policy 4.19. The revised policy states that average curriculum time should not exceed 70 hours per week during phase 1 (preclinical). The results suggests that current study time is already at or above 70 hours per week.

Extensive discussion followed. There was general agreement that the current data are imperfect, and according to some, invalid, for monitoring curriculum time. Further work is needed to develop a more refined tool to measure this parameter. In the meantime, it is the only tool available for this purpose. This will become more important as the redesigned curriculum rolls out.

Informational

6. Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm

Next meeting August 20, 2019.