UPSON CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA  
December 2, 2002  
Meeting 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Scaife 1101  

Steven H. Graham, M.D., Ph.D., Chair  
Sidney Morris, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  

Agenda:  

1. Nomination and Election of the At-Large Member (Dr. Steven Graham)  
2. Discussion of the Formation and Charges to the Task Force (Dr. Steven Graham)  
   a) Fundamentals of Basic Science  
      Charge: To reconsider the content and organization of the basic science block  
              (including Human Body)  
   b) Organ Systems  
      Charge: To reconsider the content and organization of the organ system courses.  
              Better integrate basic science content into organ system courses including  
              pharmacology and pathology.  
   c) Introduction to the Patient and Becoming a Doctor  
      Charge: To reconsider the content and organization of the patient doctor relationship  
              and introductory clinical medicine courses. Consider instituting block courses.  
   d) Scientific Reasoning in Medicine  
      Charge: Develop methods to teach scientific literacy, critical appraisal of the medical  
              literature and evidence-based medicine throughout the curriculum.  
   e) Case-Based Teaching  
      Charge: Refine the current PBL system and develop a progressively challenging set of  
              self-directed learning exercises that span the pre-clinical years.  

Future Meetings:  

December 16, 2002  
January 6, 2003  
February 3, 2003  
March 3, 2003  
April 7, 2003  
May 5, 2003  
June 2, 2003  
Curriculum Colloquium – May 6, 2003  

Ongoing Projects of the Curriculum Committee & Office of Medical Education  
Evaluation Subcommittee (Medsger)  
Performance Based Assessment (Mahoney / Middleton)  
Pitt Curriculum Online Web Site Revisions (Ryan / Mahoney)  
Curriculum Inventory (Mahoney / Ryan)  
Development of Handheld Computing Initiative (Mahoney / Kanter)