

**UPSOM Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the 449th Meeting
October 4, 2021**

Jason Rosenstock, MD, Chair
Bill Yates, PhD, Vice-Chair

Business of the Curriculum Committee on October 4, 2021

Motion	Vote Tally	Approved?
Approval of Minutes from the Sept 20 meeting	10 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Reconstructive and Regenerative Medicine Area of Concentration	16 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Geriatrics Week content changes	17 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of review of EPO 6	17 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of review of EPO 7	Tabled	-

Voting Members Present: A. Brown, MD; A. McCormick, MD, FAAP; A. Doshi, MD; A. Agarwal, MS1; B. Yates, PhD; B. O'Donnell, MD; D. Luy, MS4; G. Hamad, MD, FACS, FASMBS; H. Hohmann, MD; J. Waxman, MD, PhD; J. Hect, MSTP; J. Rosenstock, MD; J. Mocharnuk, MS2; K. Cargill, MS1; L. Burnette, MS1; L. Borghesi, PhD; M. DeFrances, MD, PhD; M. Schmidt, PhD; M. Sergeant, MPH; O. Torres, MD, MS; P. Drain, PhD; P. Nelson, MS1; R. Maier, MD, MA; S. Herrle, MD, MS; S. Truschel, PhD; T. Bui, MD; T. Weigel, MS3; V. Agarwal, MD

Ex-Officio Members Present: A. Gonzaga, MD, MS; B. Piraino, MD; C. Pettigrew, EdD; C. Lance-Jones, PhD

Invited Colleagues and Guests: A. James, MD, PhD; A. Serra, MD, MPH; B. Civi; C. Balaban, PhD; C. Pacella, MD; F. Yates, MLIS; G. Wagner; G. Cooper, MD, PhD; Greg Null, MA; H. Cheng, MD, MPH, MS; J. Chang, MD; J. Maier, MD, PhD; J. Szymusiak, MD, MS; K. Scott, MS; K. Maietta, MPPM; L. Strattan, M. Elnicki, MD; M. Sergeant, MPH; N. Kass, MS2; P. Rubin, MD; R. Van Deusen, MD, MS; S. Bartlett, MD

All members and guests remotely participated.

Jason Rosenstock, MD opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 448th meeting of the Curriculum Committee was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The minutes were APPROVED.

Standing Committees and Threads

CCES: Over the last few weeks, CCES reviewed an AOC proposal, mapped nutrition content through the curriculum, reviewed COVID issues, and issued guidance and the effects on small group attendance.

CCQI: CCQI met prior to the Curriculum Committee. The group discussed indicators that hit trip lines within the AAMC GQ. This includes student satisfaction with study and relaxation space. The group is preparing recommendations to send to CCES within this and other areas.

Social Medicine: There was nothing to report at this meeting.

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Content Change Request

In an effort to close the loop from the last meeting, Dr. Rosenstock reviewed the map for Nutrition within the curriculum: nutrition, vitamin pathologies, and diet/systemic illness. Members were satisfied that this content area is being adequately addressed in the curriculum.

Area of Concentration (AOC) Proposal

Peter Rubin, MD, and medical students Joseph Mocharnuk and Nicolas Kass discussed their proposal for Reconstructive and Regenerative Medicine AOC. The present members of the steering committee discussed reasons for this new AOC, particularly with student interest in surgical subspecialties and to enhance interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration within the School of Medicine. Goals include building infrastructure for student involvement and collaboration in pre-clinical education, research, and clinical training; facilitating student innovation in basic and translational regenerative medicine, increasing student engagement with McGowan Institute, fostering a community between medical students and attending physicians, researchers, and residents, and conscious-building of the social determinants of health and principles of healthcare justice. Requirements, timeline, and faculty mentors were reviewed. According to internal surveying, about 50 students in the first two years were very interested in this AOC.

Students would be encouraged to also take courses outside of PittMed, including offerings at Pitt and Carnegie Mellon in specific biomedical and engineering electives.

Dr. Rosenstock opened the floor for discussion. Faculty and students were concerned with medical students taking electives while taking preclinical courses. As AOCs are only open to students in good academic standing, a student could take other courses so long as it does not interfere with the medical school curriculum. The taking of non-medical school electives would be completely voluntary, and student advisors would be mindful of this issue.

A motion to approve the Reconstructive and Regenerative Medicine AOC was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The Committee APPROVED this AOC.

Geriatrics Week

Jason Chang, MD reviewed learning objectives and the changes of course leadership of the Geriatrics Week. In addition to geriatrics medicine content, Geriatrics Week is an Interprofessional experience with other students from the Health Sciences schools. The course revolves around the Geriatrics 5Ms: multi-complexity, what matters, mentation, medications, and mobility. The course directors propose changing the focus of the course from geriatrician-focused to patient-focused. Changes to the schedule were reviewed. These changes were made due to student feedback. Students found patient encounters and geriatric pharmacology experiences helpful. Students wanted more small-group Interprofessionalism opportunities, a simpler schedule, and more emphasis on the older patient. The schedule for 2021 was shared with the Committee, with a focus on the Geriatrics 5Ms. This whole course will be remotely run.

A motion to approve content changes within Geriatrics Week was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The Committee APPROVED these changes.

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Review of EPOs 6 and 7

Dr. Rosenstock led a discussion of Educational Program Objective (EPO) 6: Obtain a sensitive and thorough medical history. The five sub-objectives were reviewed. A map of where each sub-objective is found throughout the curriculum was shared with the Committee. How AAMC Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) EPA 1 compared to this objective was also shared. Questions on cultural humility, difficult patients, and integration through organ systems were discussed.

A motion to approve the EPO 6 was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The Committee APPROVED EPO 6.

Dr. Rosenstock then led a discussion of EPO 7: perform a sensitive and accurate physical examination. The nine sub-objectives were reviewed. An EPA 1 comparison with this objective was shared with the Committee. The curriculum map was also reviewed. Questions on tool variability and definition of tools (7-9), efficacy of handwashing and draping as objectives (7-1, 7-6), and EPA alignment were discussed.

Committee members were concerned that there may be overlap and new approaches to the exam that are worth reflecting on prior to approving this. After discussion with the Committee, it was decided that EPO 7's review will be tabled, pending the building of a working group to review its contents, consisting of faculty in the IPC block and the Clerkship Directors Subcommittee. These groups will submit recommendations to CCES who will bring it back to the full Committee for final decisions.

The next meeting is on October 18 at 4pm. Dr. Rosenstock closed the meeting at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gregory Null, recording secretary. Approved by Jason Rosenstock, MD.