

**UPSOM Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the 468th Meeting
October 17, 2022**

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

Business of the Curriculum Committee on October 17, 2022

Motion	Vote Tally	Approved?
Approval of Minutes from the Oct 3 meeting	18 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of MSTP Report	16 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Academic Remediation Policy	18 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Introduction to Health Systems Sciences elective	17 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Medical Education: Teaching Foundational Sciences elective	17 Yes, 0 No	YES

Voting Members Present: A. Brown, MD; A. Heymann, MS3; A. McCormick, MD, FAAP; B. Yates, PhD; B. Chamberlain, MSTP; C. Deirmenjian, MS4; E. Ufomata, MD, MS; F. Kehinde, MS1; H. Hohmann, MD; J. Waxman, MD, PhD; J. Hect, MSTP; J. Rosenstock, MD; K. Cargill, MS2; L. Knepper, MD; L. Borghesi, PhD; L. Carlson, MS1; M. DeFrances, MD, PhD; M. Schmidt, PhD; N. Iyanna, MS1; O. Torres, MD, MS; P. Drain, PhD; R. Maier, MD, MA; S. Herrle, MD, MS; S. Yagobian, MS1; S. Truschel, PhD; T. Bui, MD; V. Agarwal, MD

Ex-Officio Members Present: A. Thompson, MD, MHCPM; B. Piraino, MD; C. Pettigrew, EdD; C. Lance-Jones, PhD; R. Buranosky, MD, MPH; R. Steinman, MD, PhD

Invited Colleagues and Guests: A. Clark, MD; A. Shoukry, MD; A. Serra, MD, MPH; A. Wickerham, MD, MPH, MBA; B. McIvor, MD, FASA; C. Schott, MD, MS, RDMS, FACEP; E. Cunningham, MD; E. Reis, MD; G. Perez, MD; G. Cooper, MD, PhD; H. Cheng, MD, MPH, MS; J. Suyama, MD, FACEP; J. Maier, PhD, MD; K. Scott, MA; K. Maietta, MPPM; L. Strattan, PhD; M. Sergent, MPH; R. Van Deusen, MD, MS; R. Powers, PhD; R. Peterson, MD; S. Templer, DO, FACP, FIDSA; T. Grau, MD; T. Painter, MD; T. Weigel, MS4; W. Walker, PhD

All members and guests remotely participated.

Dr. Rosenstock opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

New first year medical student Curriculum Committee Representatives were introduced and included Faith Kehinde, Shiva Yagobian, Nidhi Iyanna, and Luke Carlson.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 467th meeting of the Curriculum Committee was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The minutes were APPROVED.

Standing Subcommittees

CCES: Dr. Rosenstock reported on recent ROMS approval, follow-up on Mapping and Integration report, and Colloquium planning. All in attendance were urged to nominate faculty, staff, and students for the awards that can be found [here](#). The deadline is November 11.

CCQI: CCQI continues to gather data from course evaluations and grade turnaround submissions. We received the NBME Subject Exam Year End Reports and USMLE Step 2CK Year End Report and will discuss and share with the Clerkship Directors Subcommittee.

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Social Medicine/DEI Report: Dr. Bui reported on the Social Medicine Fellows activity on caring for refugee patients was a success last Friday. Students learned how to use interpreters for these activities and urged interpreter use in the Introduction and Advanced Medical Interviewing courses. In addition, a search is on to find a new faculty person to lead the LGBTQ Thread. Please reach out to Drs. Bui or Ufomata for more information.

Content Change

Introduction to Health Systems Science virtual elective

This course would be a virtual, mostly asynchronous elective ideal for fourth year students. Learning objectives were reviewed and linked to the school's Educational Program Objectives. Students will complete 13 modules, develop five residency interview questions on the systems, participate in article/literature discussions, and will be offered the NBME Health System Science subject exam. The course grade will be Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

A motion to approve the Introduction to Health Systems Sciences elective was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The elective was APPROVED.

Medical Education: Teaching Foundational Sciences

This course will provide medical students with the opportunity to develop education skills while serving as teaching assistants/tutors in the preclinical curriculum. Learning objectives were reviewed and were linked to the school's Educational Program Objectives. Students would participate in a variety of teaching skill development activities as part of the elective. Required activities were presented. The experience will be individualized to fulfill student interest and the school's needs. The course grade will be Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

A motion to approve the Introduction to Health Systems Sciences elective was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The elective was APPROVED.

MSTP Report

Britt Chamberlain and Jasmine Hect reported on the MD/PhD program. To begin, the T32 Grant awarded in July 2022 will allow for an increase in trainee positions from 23 to 31, and will include strong integration of medical and graduate school training, flexible graduate timeline, mini post-doctoral training prior to residency, and executive coaching. New initiatives include student-led MD to PhD Transition committee, designing Medical Innovation track, creation of an MSTP Strategic Planning Committee to oversee the curriculum reform efforts.

MSTP students wish to be more involved in the School's Curriculum Reform efforts. Currently, MSTP students and support staff are included in the Legacy working group. MSTPs have questions on curriculum mapping and want to ensure that all MSTP objectives are represented in curricular re-mapping.

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Nine competencies for Physician Scientists were shared, with emphasis on “soft” skills training and assessment. A crosswalk of competencies and the current curriculum was shared and all competencies are covered. MSTP students are interested and actively identifying core competencies that will promote longevity and personal wellness. These competencies should be assessed often, with one-on-one mentorship as a way to monitor individual progress.

MSTP Strategic Planning Committee focus questions were shared, with more specific recommendations to come in the future. Survey results from MSTP students include results on baseline assessments reported from a gender standpoint. An overview of Grantsmanship was presented, with data showing Pitt MSTPs are funded at a high rate (70%).

Discussions include standardization across different graduate programs and research competencies for medical students.

A motion to approve the MSTP Report was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The report was APPROVED.

Academic Remediation Policy

Dr. Rosenstock presented a revision of the Academic Remediation policy. With the change of approach in MS1 grading, a change in remediation was warranted. This policy covers the next two years of the Legacy curriculum; a new policy will be created for the new curriculum.

In the new policy, students who do not pass a course will be reported to the Academic Success team and the student’s Advisory Dean. For failures within the Physician, Patient, and Society; Evidence and Discovery; and Introduction to Patient Care blocks, first year students will be given an opportunity to remediate during the year. Foundations of Medicine and Organ Systems Pathophysiology failures (up to three) will be given the opportunity to remediate over the summer. Over four failures will result in review of failed course(s) alone by the Committee on Student Promotions (CSP). Students must pass everything by July 31 to progress.

Current second year students will use the current policy (must pass block, with makeup over the summer). CSP will review only failed course and not other passed courses. Third and fourth year remediation strategies remain the same.

Additional procedure information can be found in the policy. CSP will meet frequently throughout the year. A possible sequence of events and remediation schedules were shared. Dr. Lance-Jones recommended that students remediate early in the summer.

Discussions include MS2 remediation prior to clerkship segment and course director availability during remediation in summer.

A motion to approve the Academic Remediation policy was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The policy was APPROVED.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is November 8 at 4pm. Dr. Rosenstock closed the meeting at 5:33pm.

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