

**UPSOM Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the 480th Meeting
May 15, 2023**

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

Business of the Curriculum Committee on May 15, 2023

Motion	Vote Tally	Approved?
Approval of Minutes from the May 1 meeting	13 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Content Change in Pediatrics Clerkship: Ethics	18 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Content Change in Neurology Clerkship: Content Exam	17 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Content Change: NICU Acting Internship	17 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of Pediatrics Clerkship Report	16 Yes, 0 No	YES
Approval of MS4 Student Report	14 Yes, 0 No	YES

Voting Members Present: A. Brown, MD; A. McCormick, MD, FAAP; A. Doshi, MD; B. O'Donnell, MD; C. Yanta, MD; E. Ufomata, MD, MS; H. Hohmann, MD; J. Waxman, MD, PhD; J. Rosenstock, MD; J. Duehr, MS4; K. Cargill, MS2; L. Knepper, MD; L. Borghesi, PhD; M. DeFrances, MD, PhD; M. Schmidt, PhD; N. Iyanna, MS1; P. Drain, PhD; R. Maier, MD, MA; S. Herrle, MD, MS; S. Truschel, PhD; T. Bui, MD; T. Weigel, MS4; V. Agarwal, MD

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

Invited Colleagues and Guests: A. Serra, MD, MPH; A. Young, MLIS; A. Kohli, MD; C. Schott, MD, MS, RDMS; E. Reis, MD; F. Modugno, MS, PhD, MPH; G. Perez, MD; G. Null, MA; H. Cheng, MD, MPH, MS; J. Szymusiak, MD, MS; J. Childers, MD, FAAHPM, FASAM; K. Scott, MA; K. Senko, EdD, APTD; K. Hayes, MD; K. Maietta, MPPM; M. Elnicki, MD; M. Sergent, MPH; P. Workman, MD; R. Van Deusen, MD, MS; R. Powers, PhD; R. Peterson, MD; S. Templer, DO, FACP, FIDSA; V. Tas, MD, FAAP; W. Walker, PhD

All members and guests remotely participated.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the 479th meeting of the Curriculum Committee was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The minutes were APPROVED.

Standing Subcommittees

CCES: Continues to meet weekly. CCES has begun revisions of the remediation policy, legacy curriculum monitoring, Health System masking policies updates, and planning with Nominations Subcommittee for the election of new Curriculum Committee members.

CCQI: As a reminder, elective and clerkship grades are due on Friday, May 19 for Period 12. Clerkship Directors should expect annual reports of student evaluations within the next two weeks.

Social Medicine/DEI Report: Dr. Bui introduced Dr. Knepper who gave an update of Social Determinants of Health experiences within the Neurology Clerkship, where students work with discharge nurses and

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case managers for neurologic patient discharges. This interprofessional educational experience will begin for all students this upcoming academic year.

Content Change Requests

All content changes were approved by the Clerkship Directors Subcommittee.

Pediatrics Clerkship Change: Ethics. The Pediatrics Clerkship Directors have submitted a change and intend to remove two ethics sessions (three hours). This will be integrated into clinical activities. Ethics are taught formally in other clerkships in addition to the Patient, Physician, and Society block.

Discussion included Pediatrics ethics content and working with minors and ethics content within the Three Rivers Curriculum.

A motion to approve the Pediatrics Clerkship content change was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The change was APPROVED.

Neurology Clerkship Change: Content Exam Passing Threshold Change. The Neurology Clerkship Directors have submitted a change and intend to change how clerkship grades are calculated. Currently a student who failed the NBME Content Exam and successfully passed the re-take could only earn a Satisfactory grade, even if the clinical grade was higher. The change would allow students who failed the NBME Content Exam the chance to earn a High Satisfactory if they pass the retake exam and score high in the clinical area. Other clerkships have begun to make this change.

A motion to approve the Neurology Clerkship content change was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The change was APPROVED.

Elective Creation Request

PTSP Research Elective: Medical students that are in research programs (MSTPs, PTSPs) currently study under the course MSELECT5721. A change to separate the programs into different course codes by program was brought to the Curriculum Committee. With no concerns, the change will be made.

NICU Acting Internship: Department of Pediatrics proposed the creation of a NICU Acting Internship (AI) for students interested in Neonatology. Course learning objectives and prerequisites were reviewed. This four-week elective would run at UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital and would be offered initially for one student per period. Medical students would be assessed on clinical performance by the attending physicians, in addition to an evaluation on student professionalism.

Discussion included availability and advisement.

A motion to approve the NICU AI was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The selective was APPROVED.

Pediatrics Clerkship Report

Drs. Szymusiak, Tas, and Hayes reviewed the Pediatrics Clerkship, and gave an overview of the Leadership Team, structure within the eight weeks, subspecialties, Emergency Medicine week, and adolescent medicine. Clerkship objectives and linked Educational Program Objectives were reviewed.

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Medical student evaluation data was reviewed and included grading scheme and grade distribution. CCQI metrics and outcome data for Academic Year 2021-2022 were examined.

The Anti-racism workshop and Social Justice Rounds were described as Innovations. Current students are coming in with experiences from other clerkships and preclinical coursework within these areas. The Interdisciplinary Education Session pulls together the Hospital, Pharmacy, Nutrition, and Child Life for a session to learn from these team members and how to best work with them. One additional simulation session was also added last year and will continue. Other changes include a reintroduction of Case Conferences and a decrease in required Aquifer modules.

Tyler Weigel offered a student response to the report and agreed on the value of the organized feedback to medical students. Mr. Weigel appreciated the changes in the didactics. Mr. Weigel noted some crowded patient rooms on the Outpatient phase at some sites.

A motion to approve the Pediatrics Clerkship Report was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The Report was APPROVED.

MS4 Student Report

Fourth year medical students Jim Duehr and Tyler Weigel offered their final medical student report. The students offered informal feedback from a variety of sources, with focus on Step 2CK, MS4 scheduling, ERAS/VLSO prep, Boot Camp, and the new student lounge.

Students report a want for more remote electives in the fourth year and a real-time list of such electives, with electives clearly marked as in-person or virtual/remote. Students also felt that Step 2CK deserved its own dedicated study month, with the possibility of taking some dedicated study time from Step 1 preparations to make the schedule work. Students asked for more ERAS application and specialty-specific advice, including the creation of a student or resident advisory board for each specialty. Students also felt the need for more VSLO advice and guidance concerning away electives. Professional development, including CV design, was offered as something helpful that could happen earlier in the research course work.

Boot camp is seen as a very valuable experience, particularly the ACLS cases. Financial planning was well-received and students have asked for more topics like this throughout the curriculum. Students report some scheduling issues (and late schedules) and some redundancy with SP crossover with the Medicine track and ACLS and trauma surgery sessions. Students give high reports on the quality of the West Wing construction in terms of study, teaching, and relaxation space. Students ask that the School consider a small endowment to preserve, maintain, and improve the new student lounge.

Discussion included Dedicated Study elective in fourth year, verbal de-escalation SP case placement, student advisory board creation, tailored specialty meetings with departments, and student lounge upkeep.

The Curriculum Committee Executive Subcommittee will review student suggestions and determine next action steps. The Curriculum Committee wished these Curriculum Committee representatives and all graduating students luck with their next adventures.

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A motion to approve the MS4 Student Report was brought before the Curriculum Committee. The Report was APPROVED.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is June 5 at 4pm. Dr. Rosenstock closed the meeting at 5:23pm.

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