

**UPSOM Curriculum Committee  
Minutes of the 419<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
April 6, 2020**

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

**Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform. All members and guests remotely participated.**

**Members Present:** Vikas Agarwal, MD; Lisa Borghesi, PhD; Aaron Brown, MD; Thuy Bui, MD; Raquel Buranosky, MD, MS; Patricia Campos, MS3; Marie DeFrances, MD, PhD; Donald DeFranco, PhD; Ankur Doshi, MD; Peter Drain, PhD; Kevin Duffy, MS3; Michael Granovetter, MSTP; Giselle Hamad, MD; Joan Harvey, MD; Scott Herrle, MD, MS; Heather Hohmann, MD; Laurie Knepper, MD; Jane Kwon, MS4; Cynthia Lance-Jones, PhD; Robin Maier, MD; Almut McDermott, MS4; Melissa McNeil, MD; Brigid O'Donnell, MD; Camila Ortiz, MS1; Marc Peretti, MS1; Jonathan Perkins, MS2; Beth Piraino, MD; Sandash Raj, MS4; Theresa Reno, MS4; Jason Rosenstock, MD; Martin Schmidt, PhD; Rahilla Tarfa, MS3; Ann Thompson, MD; Jake Waxman, MD, PhD; Bill Yates, PhD; Michelle Zhang, MS2.

**Invited Colleagues and Guests:** Humberto Bittar, MD; Deborah Brooks, MD; Michael Elnicki, MD; John Fowler, MD; Valerie Fulmer; Stephen Gabrielson, MSLIS; Alaina James, MD; Saleem Khan, PhD; Kim Kirk; Joseph Losee, MD; John Maier, MD, PhD; Katie Maietta; JB McGee, MD; Melonie Nance, MD; Greg Null, MA; Evelyn Reis, MD; Louis Rapkin, MD; Brianna Rossiter, MD, MS; Rani Schuchert, MD; Kathy Scott, MS; Allison Serra, MD; Neeta Shenai, MD; Alfred Shoukry, MD; Alisha Strong; John Szymusiak, MD; Rose Turner, MLIS; Reed Van Deusen, MD; Will Walker, PhD; Pushpa Viswanathan, MD; Francesca Yates, MLIS.

Dr. Rosenstock, MD, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, convened the meeting at 4:00pm. This was the 419<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Curriculum Committee.

On March 30, 2020, committee members were emailed two proposals for remote electives: 1) Diagnostic Reasoning and 2) Pandemic in Medicine and Society. By email, both electives were approved unanimously.

#### **Reports from OMED Deans**

**MS1:** Second week of Neuroscience course included podcasts and three interactive workshops using Teams. More interactive sessions will use Zoom later this week. Some issues with podcasts were found and fixed. Online office hours began last week in the evenings and afternoons. Faculty training will be needed so faculty can learn to make modules, use platforms like Panopto, etc. Psych modules are being built remotely. All MS1 courses will be remote for the rest of the year. Maria Garcia from OMED is responsible for assisting with the remote curriculum.

**MS2:** Mostly complete. Some students are making up CE and APE sessions this summer or fall.

**Dean's Summer Research Project:** Dr. DeFranco expects a decision by the end of April on probability of running project. Students encouraged to research remotely; plan B projects may be needed.

**MS3-4:** Suspended clinical rotations resume on June 8. Period 11 for the four week clerkships was two weeks of clinical work, with the final two weeks complete remotely as pass/fail. In eight week rotations, all students received credit for the first month, with the second month make up at some point in the future. Pre-clerkship week will proceed when rotations begin. Assessment Week will be held remotely at the end of April. Boot Camps were continued remotely. Away electives are suspended. Public Health elective is underway, focusing on contact tracing. SHELF exams will be held remotely later this month.

**Graduation:** Postponed in-person graduation. Alternative ceremonies are being reviewed. No MS4s will graduate early.

**SP Program:** CCA (OSCE at end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year/mock Step 2CS) postponed to summer or fall, via risk stratification. If still social distancing by fall, OSCEs move to remote evaluation via Zoom. Physical Exam assessment will need to be determined, but a process is being developed so it can be completed remotely. Workflow of small group teaching is also being built in Zoom.

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**New Business**

The committee electronically voted on the following items:

1. A vote was called for the following proposal: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of clinical rotations in March 2020, Period 11 four-week clerkships will move to a pass/fail grade for that period only. This motion passed unanimously.
2. A vote was called for the following proposal: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of testing sites in March 2020, students may begin clerkships prior to passing Step 1. They would be allowed to delay their Step 1 exams until December 31, 2020. This motion passed unanimously.
3. A vote was called for the following proposal: A creation of a COVID-19 Clinical Transition Year Task Force, its mandate, timeline, and chairperson. Raquel Buranosky, MD was named chair. This motion passed unanimously.

The MS4 Student Report followed. The class is preparing for the next step and appreciates the work put in to keep the students' safe during this pandemic. The students proposed a vacation month during Period 12.5 for MS4 students, where students can prepare to move to the residency early due to self-isolation, volunteer, study, or take an elective. This is preferred over early graduation. Students offered ideas of expanding remote electives, including options from other medical schools.

A vote was called for the following proposal: Change graduation requirement, reducing the amount of required electives from eight to seven for 2020 MS4 students. This would allow most students to take a vacation month in Period 12.5 if they wished. This motion passed unanimously.

A vote was called for the following proposals: The creation of several remote electives for Period 12.5: Practical Pathology; Women in Academic Medicine; and Women's Health. All electives were approved.

The next meeting is April 20 at 4pm. The agenda will include the Curriculum Reform Task Force report.

Dr. Rosenstock closed the meeting at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gregory Null  
Approved by: Jason Rosenstock, MD