

**UPSOM Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the 421th Meeting
May 4, 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.

Voting Members Present: V. Agarwal, MD; L. Borghesi, PhD; A. Brown, MD; T. Bui, MD; P. Campos, MS3; M. DeFrances, MD, PhD; P. Drain, PhD; K. Duffy, MS3; G. Hamad, MD, FACS, FASMBS; H. Hohmann, MD; L. Knepper, MD; J. Kwon, MS4; R. Maier, MD, MA; A. McDermott, MS4; M. Nanni, MS2; S. Raj, MS4; J. Rosenstock, MD; M. Schmidt, PhD; R. Tarfa, MS3; J. Waxman, MD, PhD; C. Yanta, MD; W. Yates, PhD; M. Zhang, MS2; B. O'Donnell, MD; M. Peretti, MS1; J. Perkins, MS1; K. Duffy, MS3; T. Reno, MS4; M. Granovetter, MSTP.

Ex Officio Members Present: B. Piraino, MD; C. Pettigrew, PhD; C. Lance-Jones, PhD; D. DeFrano, PhD; J. Harvey, MD; J. Losee, MD; M. McNeil, MD; R. Buranosky, MD, MPH; R. Steinman, MD, PhD

Invited Colleagues and Guests: A. Biller, MD; G. Apodaca, PhD; C. Balaban, PhD; D. DiNardo, MD, MS; M. Elnicki, MD; S. Gabrielson, MSLIS; A. Gonzaga, MD, MS; S. Khan, PhD; J. Lee, MD; J. Maier, MD, PhD; K. Maietta; JB McGee, MD; G. Null, MA; L. Rapkin, MD; E. Reis, MD; C. Schott, MD; K. Scott, MA; M. Sergeant, MPH; N. Shenai, MD; A. Shoukry, MD; T. Sigler; A. Strong; J. Suyama, MD, FACEP; J. Szymusiak, MD, MS, FAAP; S. Thorton, PhD; R. Turner, MLIS; W. Walker, PhD; R. VanDeusen, MD, MS; G. Wagner; F. Yates, MLIS; P. Zahnhausen; A. James, MD, PhD; A. Serra, MD, MPH; A. Kohli, MD, MS; B. Thiel, MD; C. Kolarcik, PhD; H. Trejo Bittar, MD; J. Chang, MD; J. Bina, PhD; Glance, Jody, MD; J. Fowler, MD; J. Williams, MD; J. Chang, MD, MPH; J. McCausland, MD, MS, FACEP; M. Korytkowski, MD; M. Schuchert, MD; M. Nance, MD; P. Viswanathan, MD; R. Powers, PhD; R. Codario, MD; T. Painter, MD

Dr. Rosenstock, MD, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, convened the meeting at 4:00pm. This was the 421th meeting of the Curriculum Committee.

Subcommittee Updates:

CCES: No report given.

CCQI: The subcommittee is beginning the groundwork for a review of the decisions and curricular strengths and weaknesses of UPSOM throughout this pandemic. Topics include online teaching and learning, student/faculty support, governance, technological resiliency, and crisis communication. We envision a report including a timeline and survey data from faculty, staff, and students. The curriculum committee will be our audience for our final report.

New Business:

A vote was called for approval of the remote elective 'Race and Racism in Medicine' for Period 1. This remote elective PASSED.

A vote was called for approval of the remote elective 'Preclerkship Month' for Period 1. This remote elective PASSED.

Dr. Lance-Jones presented four aims for the Fall semester MS1-MS2 curriculum. There is likelihood in social distancing and/or suspension of in-person classes will continue. Small groups will need to be remote as well. Recommendations of the Curriculum Reform Task Force will

1. Increase active learning components of all courses by making greater use of flipper classroom sessions, workshops, PBLs, etc.

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2. Consider new ways of presenting didactic materials by breaking up an hour of lecture into segments with intervening practice questions, conversion to online modules, reduction of lecture time, and assigning reading material instead of lecture.
3. Increase the integration of basic science with material relevant to clinical and societal issues
4. Provide more frequent assessments, ideally weekly, including formative/summative, in-class reviews, clearly identifying objectives, study guides, etc.

A vote was called for approval of the four aims as described. This vote of approval PASSED.

Dr. Buranosky presented the recommendations of the COVID19 Clinical Transition Task Force. The Task Force recommended the following actions for the next academic year only:

1. Create selective option for students to choose either Family Medicine or Ambulatory Med clerkship (saves 4 weeks)
2. Redistribute surgical subspecialties to round out Surgery (replaces Anesthesiology). May include ENT, Ophth, Neurosurgery, Ortho, or adult ER. Pediatric ER built in to new eight-week Pediatrics clerkship (saves 4 weeks)

Clinical restart begins June 8. A new schedule has been devised for both MS3 and MS4, respectively. Individual situations will be identified and a plan will form to ensure all students complete all requirements.

Clinical site activation requirements:

1. Full access to necessary PPE for all clinical activities
2. In-person PPE training with students prior to start, with proof of competence.
3. No exposure to COVID19 diagnosed or suspected patients
4. Faculty availability and willingness to teach, supervise, assess
5. Appropriate clinical volume
6. Appropriate social distancing for in-person activities
7. Approval from clinical site leadership
8. Ability to fulfil clinical learning objectives in-person and by alternative means
9. Availability of testing
10. For students traveling back to Pittsburgh, must self-isolation for at least two weeks

A vote was called to approve moving forward of the recommendations of the COVID19 Clinical Transition Task Force. This motion to move forward PASSED.

Old Business:

A vote was called to approve moving forward with the recommendations of the Curriculum Reform Task Force. The motion to move forward PASSED.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18. A synchronous graduation will happen earlier that day at 1pm. Dr. Rosenstock closed the meeting at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted by Gregory Null, recording secretary. Approved by: