

**UPSOM Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the 426th Meeting
August 3, 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: A. Brown, MD; W. Yates, PhD; E. Ufomata, MD, MS; G. Hamad, MD, FACS, FASMBS; J. Hect, MS2; J. Rosenstock, MD; J. Duehr, MS2; K. Duffy, MS4; L. Knepper, MD; L. Borghesi, PhD; M. Peretti, MS2; M. Schmidt, PhD; M. Granovetter, MSTP; P. Drain, PhD; R. Brown, MS2; R. Maier, MD, MA; T. Bui, MD

Ex-Officio Members Present: A. Thompson, MD, MHCPM; C. Pettigrew, PhD; C. Lance-Jones, PhD; J. Harvey, MD; M. McNeil, MD; R. Buranosky, MD, MPH

Invited Colleagues and Guests: A. James, MD, PhD; A. Shoukry, MD; A. McCormick, MD, FAAP; B. Rossiter, MD, MS; C. Standaert, MD; D. Palmieri, MD; D. Elnicki, MD; D. DiNardo, MD, MS; F. Yates, MLIS; G. Wagner; H. Pietragallo, MD; JB McGee, MD; J. Glanzman, MS2; J. Glance, MD; J. Suyama, MD, FACEP; J. Maier, PhD, MD; J. Knight, PSTP; K. Maietta; L. Rapkin, MD; M. Nance, MD; M. Sergent, MPH; N. Shah, MD; N. Gandhi, MS2; P. Zahnhausen; R. Schuchert, MD; S. Khan, PhD; S. Saloom, MS1; S. Patnaik, MS2; S. Gabrielson, MSLIS; T. Weigel, MS2

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

Subcommittee Updates:

CCES: Continues to discuss ROMS, Scaife building updates, parking, and the course evaluation process.
CCQI: Students and faculty are urged to watch for and complete the curricular response survey that will be sent soon. CCQI is also looking for at least one faculty member and one student. Please reach out to Mr. Null or any member of the subcommittee.

New Business:

Update on Social Medicine Teaching Leadership Group

A group of students was identified to help plan the MS2 course. Faculty will soon be recruited to begin building the new course this month. These groups will also monitor course and curriculum to ensure integration without overlap.

MS1 Class Report

The MS1 Committee representatives focused on two main ideas: how is the pandemic affecting you and how should PittMed administration address these issues? In surveying the rising MS2s, 80% of students are expected to be in Pittsburgh this fall. Likelihood of in-person attendance was reported, with students most interested in attending clinical skills development and shadowing. Quality over quantity was urged for all interactive activities. Paying full tuition for watching last year's lectures was also a concern. Students are also interested in optional NBME exams and a voucher system for cafeteria use.

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In-person APE and CE concerns were covered, where students in the remote environment have not had the opportunity to practice the physical exam and interview. A fully remote APE was not preferred, but should be available for those at-risk. An in-person primer on PPE techniques is greatly desired.

In the survey, students who typically attend lectures were considering taking a leave of absence during the Covid transition year. Students who usually participate in the curriculum remotely were still worried about whether they would learn adequately this coming year. Barriers to success in the hybrid curriculum reported by students include lack of study space and transportation, increased financial burden and uncertainty, and student mental health.

Recommendations include opening with small group rooms with cap limits, partially opening the library, offering hybrid format for all in-person activities, reimbursing fees, listing costs/timeline for Step 1 planning, optional NBME exams, technology rental discounts and loaners, non-academic Zoom interactions, sharing available mental health resources, breaks between mandatory Zoom sessions, and continued efforts of curriculum reform.

Dr. Lance-Jones reported that the Advanced Physical Exam course (APE) will include a number of on-site APE sessions with remote sessions available. There will be in-person anatomy labs. Dr. McNeil reported that clinical faculty will want all MS3 students to have completed APE and CE prior to entering the wards. More work will need to be done to assure clinical readiness.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17. Dr. Rosenstock closed the meeting at 5:30.

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