

NOTES FROM THE CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 25, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. in 4038 Bondurant

Members Present/Absent: McCartney, Chair Hobgood Byerley, Chaney,
 Cross, Dent, Farrell, Hoole, Ingersoll, Rao, Shaheen, Yankaskas; Lewis,
 Osmond, Sutton; Knierim, Fox

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- New Member Molecules to Cells Course Committee
- MD/PhD Curriculum Modification
- CC 3-4 Committee to review current clinical curriculum

1. **The minutes from the September 27 meeting** will be circulated on email for final approval.
2. **New Member Molecules to Cells.** Drs. McCartney and Chaney announced Dr. Gwendolyn Sancar as a new member of the Molecules to Cells course committee. Dr. Sancar will apprentice with Dr. Chaney and join the first year committee this year, although the course is completed. Dr. Chaney will begin his phased retirement in 2009 and the addition of Dr. Sancar will provide an orderly transition in leadership. Dr. McCartney praised Dr. Chaney for his incredible leadership role in developing the new First Year Curriculum. Additional discussion addressed the question of how to appoint and validate the choice of replacement leadership for both committees and courses. Several suggestions were made, including making leadership replacement a combination of committee nominations and CMPC/OME approval in order to ensure committees were enfranchised in the process. Dr. McCartney noted that we face a period where increased retirements will make this very important.
3. **Shortening Preclinical curriculum for MD/PhD.** Dr. Shaheen led a discussion regarding the modification of the MD/PhD program curriculum. He stated that this was a complicated issue with the goal of taking individuals who were accepted into the program and who have good basic science skills, and streamlining their education. Dr. Shaheen foresees two problems: conceptual (everyone comes in with different backgrounds) and logistical (requires a finely orchestrated curriculum that constituents will have to implement). After discussion, Dr. Shaheen put forth two models for accomplishing the modification. Model 1 would create a separate or abbreviated Basic Science curriculum for these select students. Model 2 would leave the curriculum as it currently stands, but allow select students to test out of the portion of the basic science related to their research. Dr. Yankaskas suggested advocating a model based on individual merit with narrow flexibility. At the end of this preliminary discussion Dr. Shaheen plans to convene a committee to investigate this issue for exceptional applicants. The findings of this committee will be presented to CC1, CC2 and then CMPC before submission to Dr. Pisano.
4. **Review of Clinical Curriculum by CC 3-4.** On October 23, 2007 the CC3-4 curriculum committee was charged by Dr. Pisano with re-evaluating our current clinical curriculum and reporting back to Dr. Pisano. If changes are to begin implementation by 2008-09 school year, they must report back by the beginning of January 2008. The meetings by CC 3-4 will be held weekly on Tuesday mornings until January or such time as their re-evaluation process is complete, whichever comes first.
5. **The next meeting of the CMPC is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007.**