

**NOTES FROM THE CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

*December 20, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. in 4038 Bondurant*

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

- CC 3-4 Clinical Curriculum

1. **The minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting** received final approval.
2. **CC 3-4 Clinical Curriculum Update.** Dr. Yankaskas presented the outcome of the voting process from the December 18 CC 3-4 meeting. All the proposals considered require improved advising systems and electronic scheduling. The roll-call voting results clearly indicate that the course directors want to change the curriculum for 2008-2009. Dr. Byerley reviewed the top 2 proposals submitted by Drs. Amy Shaheen and Tim Farrell.

Dr. Shaheen’s plan would include the LCME required clinical rotations and completion of the clinical core by December 31 of the students’ senior year. This plan would accommodate courses of different durations, and require that every course be offered all of the time to provide sufficient capacity. Dr. Dent recommended that students have 3 selectives rather than 4 selectives during the transition year to reduce the curriculum from 80 weeks to 76 weeks and allow more flexibility.

Dr. Farrell’s plan would allow students to complete their core courses until the end of the fourth year. With the arrival of the new One45 program, students could “rank” their preferred rotations to represent their goals/needs.

Kyle Knierim stated that from the students’ perspective that restructuring is not sufficient. Clinical courses need to improve teaching. Communication between clinical courses must improve in order to reduce redundancies and fill curriculum gaps. Further, students hope that communication will improve between the pre-clinical and clinical curriculum teachers for these reasons and to improve the developmental presentation of material. The students also feel that with Farrell’s plan that Neurology will most likely be pushed off by students to the fourth year.

Drs. Yankaskas, Byerley and Farrell plans to synthesize both plans into one unified, with the intent to present Dr. Pisano in time for the next Dean’s Advisory Committee.

3. **The next meeting of the CMPC is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2007.**