

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

June 26, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. in 4038 Bondurant

**Members Present/Absent:**  Roberts, Chair  Byerley,  Chaney,  Cross,  Dent,  Farrell,  Bashford,  Ingersoll,  Rao,  Shaheen,  Yankaskas;  Sutton;  Stewart,  Stone,  Borders,  Guerrero

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- CPX Grading Policy
- One45 Pilot Testing Update
- AIMS Policy
- Faculty retreat on Curriculum Review and Integration

1. **June 12, 2008** minutes were handed out, a request for edits was made and the minutes were approved.
2. **CPX Grading Policy.** Dr. David Hollar presented a comparison of the two grading methodologies that have been used in the past to determine the pass/fail status of medical students taking the Clinical Performance Examination (CPX). This test is typically given after completion of MS-3 clerkships and before the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills exam, but with the revised clinical curriculum options of delaying certain clerkships to MS-4, it may be necessary to revise this timeline. It is important that we time the CPX to take place at the completion of MS3 clerkships and before they take Step 2 CS, since Step 2 is used to rank and match students in appropriate residencies. In order to receive the score for residency match/rank the student must pass the Step 2 CS by November 1. It was suggested that CPX be done after completion of the Outpatient Medicine clerkship. It was also felt that we need to work towards most students completing their core curriculum content by June of their third year. Students have stated that CPX is much more difficult than Step 2 CS and therefore CPX seems to have no statistical correlation to the outcomes of Step 2 CS. In other words there is no significant predictive value for Step 1 or Step 2 relative to CPX grades which tests medical knowledge. Additionally a suggestion was made that when students take CPX they be given feedback so that they do not continue to make the same mistakes throughout the 12 cases of the exam. There is also a lack of feedback to faculty teaching clinical skills and this should be given to correct any deficiencies in teaching.
3. **One45 Pilot Update.** Dale Krams said that the goals of the pilot test of the clerkship evaluation instrument in one45 were twofold: one, to establish the psychometric properties of the newly revised clerkship evaluation instrument; and two, to determine the adequacy of one45 to do evaluation reports.. The clerkship evaluations will be left open for several more weeks. Even if the student participation rate does not increase, the pilot is valuable as it allows us to more fully evaluate how one45 works, get feedback on specific questions and allow streamlining on the length and content of the evaluations. . Several faculty have requested that the evaluations not be put up until the day the course ends instead of five days before the course ends and OED is looking into their requests.
4. **AIMS Policy.** Dr. Roberts led a discussion on the current AIMS policy that governs faculty deadlines for submission of exam questions and some recommendations for amending the policy. Theoretically, all exam questions should be submitted two weeks before the end of class, but many faculty find this deadline very difficult, if not impossible, to meet. Since HR requires that SPA employees keep within 40 work hours per week to avoid unnecessary accrual of overtime or comp time hours, there is a need to establish a more enforceable and realistic deadline that will allow faculty to submit the questions nearer to the exam, without causing the OED employee responsible for putting up exam questions to work over their 40 hour work week. It was suggested that an amended time frame of 5 days before the exam be vetted through CC1 and CC2 and then brought back to CMPC for final approval before incorporating into the appropriate policy.
5. **Faculty Retreat on Curriculum Review and Integration.** Dr. Cross asked everyone to send him any suggested revisions to the materials he sent out earlier via email.
6. **Announcements.** Dean Stone announced that Fall 2008 first year students would be allowed to choose between two laptop computers from CCI this year. Students will be allowed to choose between a standard laptop and a tablet PC version. Dr. Roberts reminded everyone that the previously scheduled July 10, 2008 CMPC meeting has been cancelled.
7. **The next meeting of the CMPC is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2008.**