NOTES FROM THE CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 25, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. in 133 MacNider

Members Present/Absent:  Dr. McCartney, Chair; Drs. Aleman, Chaney, Dent, Gwyther, Hoole, Ingersoll, Rao, Shaheen, Dr. Tresolini; Yankaskas; Lewis  Guests: Molly Blackley and Gordon Reeves, out-going Whitehead Society Co-Presidents

1. Approval of Minutes. Please let Dr. McCartney know if there are corrections to the Minutes.

2. End of Year Review with Whitehead Co-Presidents. Dr. McCartney introduced the out-going Co-Presidents of the Whitehead Society, Molly Blackley and Gordon Reeves. Ms. Blackley distributed a handout, Student Priorities for UNC School of Medicine from the Accreditation Student Task Force Report.” Mr. Reeves gave an overview of the students’ comments regarding the curriculum. The main points were 1) more flexibility in the clinical curriculum to allow greater opportunity for career exploration in the fourth year; 2) a significant decrease in the amount of large group lectures to foster more independent study time; 3) a better integration of the curriculum with more collaboration between the basic sciences and clinical years and more collaboration between the departments and course directors within each year and 4) concerns about basic medical procedures, radiology, neurology and immunology. Mr. Reeves further discussed the institutional culture, namely, the ability to maintain and improve diversity among the faculty, residents and students and to address minority student dissatisfaction relating to diversity. He also spoke briefly on the physical space needs for the students regarding adequate space for teaching and evaluating clinical exam skills, call space, study space on the wards, and expanded group study space in the first two years. Ms. Blackley discussed student representation on the CMPC. She suggested that a student representative attend at least once a month to address student concerns. After a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of student representatives, Dr. McCartney suggested that after the election of new co-presidents of the Whitehead Society on April 8, these co-presidents be invited to the CMPC for further discussion.

3. Vice Dean Intervention about Student Mistreatment. Dr. McCartney distributed a memorandum that Dr. Bob Golden had sent to the Advisory Committee of the SOM as a follow-up to Dr. McCartney’s LCME report, asking each department chair to describe a plan for educating faculty and staff about the issues and the consequences of non-compliance. Dr. McCartney will return to the Advisory Committee in spring, 2004, to describe procedures for addressing incidences of mistreatment.

4. Overall Vision for the Curriculum. Dr. Tresolini distributed a revision of the Overall Plan/Vision for the Curriculum. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting due to time consideration.

4. Next CMPC Meeting will be April 8, Room 133 MacNider.