NOTES FROM THE CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 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  Guest: Dr. Robert Golden, Vice Dean, SOM

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

2. Overall Vision for the Curriculum. Dr. McCartney handed out a copy of a powerpoint presentation, “Vision for the Curriculum,” that she plans to present for comment to the Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB) on April 13. She asked for comment and a lively discussion followed. The committee discussed how our School is different from other medical schools in the country and what makes us unique. The committee felt that the School’s bimodal status (one of the top 20 schools in the country in primary care and research) makes us unique. Another feature of our curriculum is our interest in providing electives so that each student can follow one’s own interest. The committee discussed several slides and offered suggestions for change. Dr. McCartney will incorporate these changes and will make the presentation to the CAB meeting next week.

3. Dr. Robert Golden’s Visit. Dr. McCartney welcomed Dr. Robert Golden, the new Vice Dean, to the meeting. After introductions, Dr. Golden said that since he had arrived, he had been meeting with key leaders in the School, listening and learning. With reference to the LCME site visit in January, he stated that he saw a serious problem with the process, but felt that the School had done an outstanding job in planning for the visit. He then voiced a strong commitment to medical education. He went on to point out three main areas of concern that he felt needed attention in the School. 1) The need to get away from our present model of lectures; 2) the need to have more integration among departments in the basic sciences and the need to have more integration across the years; and 3) the need for third year medical students to explore areas of interest and to add preparation for internship, e.g., ACLS training, especially after MATCH in the fourth year. Discussion followed about each of these areas of concern and led to a discussion of protected teaching time and budget resources for OME. Dr. McCartney then thanked Dr. Golden for visiting and extended an invitation to visit again.

4. Next CMPC Meeting will be April 22, Room 133 MacNider.