NOTES FROM THE CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 22, 2007 at 7:00 a.m. in 4038 Bondurant

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
- Lunch with Vice Dean Pisano Thursday, March 29.
- Draft of Article 10 Notes and Procedures (transfer policy) considered.
- Article 4 Notes and Procedures draft revised further.

1. Revised minutes from March 8 were distributed for initial review and will be recirculated for approval on email.

2. Preparation for quarterly lunch with Vice Dean Pisano. The issue of CMPC relationships with department chairs and progress on the Charlotte project are top priorities. Each Charlotte committee has already begun working and will contact counterparts in Charlotte to continue their discussions. Basic science faculty were encouraged to consider changes in pilot stages as part of this work (e.g., podcasting). The UNC SOM Charlotte Campus web site is www.med.unc.edu/curriculum/Administration/planning/. Relevant resources and minutes will be posted so all can review them. All committee reports will be reviewed by executive committee on May 1 and budgets estimated by May 15. Concern was registered that building consensus for such creative work by this deadline will be difficult; all were reassured that this is a “big picture” project focused on budget development. Some of the conversation between course directors and chairs has already begun; MS2 is drafting an initial report on only academic issues. The AAMC 2003 report, The Role of Regional Campuses in U.S. Medical Education, on regional campuses identified advantages of these learning venues, including closer relationships with supervisors and opportunity to pilot study curricular innovations. It was noted that regional campuses have been seen as positive features for students that are more clinically oriented. A possible curricular innovation for Charlotte, suggested by the recent NEJM article “Continuity” as an Organizing Principle for Clinical Education Reform (Feb. 22, 2007) would be some type of continuity care experience that would afford students the advantage of continuity of care, supervision and curriculum. Basic science curricula are not planned for Charlotte, but the integration of basic science into patient care is. The decision has been made that a cohort of UNC students will spend their clinical core clerkships in Charlotte. CC 3-4 feels that there should be capacity for all students to take their electives in Charlotte, and for the Charlotte students to be able to take electives away, including at UNC.

3. Transfer Policy. A draft of a transfer policy was circulated as a possible Notes and Procedures addendum to Article 10 of the Educational Policies. This would change our former policy of not taking transfers. Serious capacity issues in clinical rotations remain. LCME requires that such decisions be made by committee. The printed draft of the policy will be reviewed and suggestions requested from CMPC.

4. Article 4 Notes and Procedures revision was circulated for comment. Additional changes to its wording were suggested, a final draft will be forthcoming for vote.
5. Next meeting: Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 7:00 AM in 4038 Bondurant Hall. CMPC lunch with Vice Dean Pisano Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 12:00 PM in 4038 Bondurant Hall.