NOTES FROM THE CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT AND POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 26, 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; Knierem, Fox

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
- Welcome to new Whitehead Co-presidents: student representatives.
- Transfer policy and new Educational Policies organization approved.
- Relationship with Department Chairs policy further revised.
- Authority of Curriculum Committees affirmed.

1. Revised minutes from April 12 were distributed for review and approved. All were reminded to review closely the draft minutes circulated for this meeting and other Course Committee meetings promptly. It is essential that minutes be compiled, circulated, revised, and approved quickly enough to be posted before the next meeting.

2. New Whitehead Medical Society student government representatives for 2007-08, Kyle Knierem and Dan Fox, were welcomed.

3. A revised Transfer Policy draft was circulated for review and discussion in an advisory role to the Vice Dean. LCME requires that transfer students be of comparable academic achievement to other accepted students and that resources for their education be adequate. The policy provides that transfer students must have completed an equivalent to our first two years’ curriculum. The policy will be applicable to married or domestic partners of UNC student, faculty, or housestaff as defined by the University’s “Policy Guidance on Definition of Spouse and Partner Status.”

A motion to accept the Transfer Policy, pending a more precise definition of domestic partner, was seconded and approved to send forward as advisory the Vice Dean and Dean

It was moved, seconded, and approved that this policy will temporarily reside under the “Additional Policies.” At a later date a section will be created in the Educational Policies, which will include (1) admissions and selections policies and procedures, and (2) this transfer policy.

4. A further draft of the Policy on relationships with department chairs was circulated. It will be edited further to create parallel language between clinical and preclinical years. Another draft will be shared at the next meeting.

5. Clinical Curriculum report: In this first year of the new clinical curriculum, 28 students took electives and 34 took a free period out of 153. Scheduling data for next year (2007-08) show that 59 asked for electives and 29 asked for free period out of 142. It was noted that this suggests the success of clinical curriculum evolution to improve options for individual curriculum plans built on a core of general professional education. The CC 3-4 process of developing new curriculum has been held up by some members’ conviction that approval of the committee’s work depends upon the outcome of department chairs’ meeting with the Dean. It was affirmed that the present structure supports LCME-mandated central governance, and that CC 3-4 would be empowered to complete this work. Dr. McCartney will communicate these concerns to Dr. Pisano.

6. Next meeting: Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 7:00 AM in 4038 Bondurant Hall.