

MD Program Curriculum and Evaluation Committee 2009-2010

Summary of Significant Decisions

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Required Courses Reviewed

- Community Health Course – Few small suggestions offered; when begun, students will continue into learning communities after the experience (as per the SACS QEP plan).
- Fundamentals of Medicine 2 – concerns only over availability of adequate faculty and patients for clinical skills development and a back up for Dr. Ted Smith in Psychopathology.
- Basic Principles (part I of first year integrated curriculum) – minor adjustments requested only
- Organ Systems I, II, and III – Need additional instructors for the laboratory sessions and need to obtain timely student evaluations of course and faculty. Miniboard scores were up for the class in most of the exams. Recommended an integrated review structure be developed for students having difficulty. Recommended that additional faculty be recruited due to class size expansion.

Elective Courses Reviewed

New Courses Approved

- Law and Medicine – Dr. David Levine, Pediatrics and Professor Sylvia Caley and Lisa Bliss of GSU Law
- Advanced Gynecology and Obstetrics – Dr. Fung, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- General Gynecology and Uro-gynecology – Dr. Fung, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Subinternship in Obstetrics -- Dr. Fung, Obstetrics and Gynecology

Existing Courses Reapproved

- Medical Acupuncture – re-approved
- Maternal-Child Health – re-approved
- Research elective – re-approved and added that students could take for 8 weeks/2 electives if in a structure research program such as CTSA.
- International Health Elective with CHPM added 2nd site in Uganda and students may take for a 4 or 8 week (two elective) experience. If the latter, a culminating paper will be required.

New Policies and Other Issues

- Subcommittee to Review Clinical Courses charged with coming up with a strategic plan about the modernization of the 3rd year MD Curriculum.
 - Students are continually commenting about the need for radiology, emergency medicine, and/or neurology rotations.

- Discussions begun about adjusting clerkship time allotment; Medicine feels students at a disadvantage with only 8 weeks in the 3rd year (and 4 weeks in 4th year but at least 50% AFTER Step 2 CK exam). Medicine was requested to present a detailed plan of how the students would use the extra time.
- Reviewed student professionalism issues related to examinations and online social networking sites. For the latter, sections will be added to orientation and Fundamentals 3.
- SRPCC showed that MSM miniboard performance was a strong predictor of Step I pass.
- Merger of Rural Health Clerkship into Family Medicine was monitored and the CEC was pleased with the results to date. It is now the Family Medicine/Rural Health Clerkship.

Additional meetings for this academic year will be held in May and June.