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To: Members of Medical Education Committee
From: David W. Nierenberg
Subject: Minutes - Meeting held Tues., Feb. 13, 2007 - 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Borwell 758

Voting Members Present: Jamie Bessich, Rich Comi, Barbara Conradt, Andy Daubenspeck, Brent Harris, Petra Lewis, Gene Nattie, Dave Nierenberg, Greg Ogrinc, Rebecca Pschirrer, and Eric Shirley = 11

Voting Members Absent: Leslie Fall, Brian Guercio, Horace Henriques, John Hwa, Susan Kelly, Ben Northrup, Michelle Oullette, Sarah Pletcher, Jim Price, Abigail Rao, Laura Reis, Valerie Rooney, and Joao Tiexeira = 13

Guests and Non-Voting Members: Chris Allen, Nan Cochran, Tina Foster, Diane Grollman, John Huntington, Cathy Pipas, Brian Reid, Sharon Silvera, Lora Thompson, Kalindi Trietley, and Don West = 11

Scheduled Meetings:

Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 16		Mar. 13	Apr. 17	May 8	June 12
758 W	Fuller	Fuller	758 W	758 W		758 W	758 W	758 W	758 W
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I. [Proposal for New Year 2 Course: Health Leadership Practicum \(HeLP\)](#)

- A. Greg Ogrinc introduced the concept of a new course that would be included in the Year 2 curriculum (See Attachment A).

- B. The following issues were raised regarding the course:
- i. Availability of faculty;
 - ii. Position in the academic year;
 - iii. Possible integration into On-Doctoring;
 - iv. Possibility of incorporation into Year 4;
 - v. Possibility of partnering with students in other DC schools or other healthcare disciplines;
 - vi. Number of hours required for course;
 - vii. Implementation date;
 - viii. Possibility of presenting as an elective for the first year implemented.

II. Scheduled Review of Clerkship: Year 3 Psychiatry

- A. Rebecca Pschirrer reviewed the Year 3 psychiatry clerkship and presented a report based on student evaluations. (See Attachment B).
- B. Don West reported that he was familiar with the data presented and discussed several of the issues with the membership:
- i. The importance of at least one night of call so that the students are able to see a psychiatric clinical setting at night;
 - ii. The lack of exposure to outpatient experiences;
 - iii. The difficulty of the shelf exam and its incongruity with the patient population encounters;
 - iv. The unexpected popularity of the clerkship.

III. The Evaluations Process

- A. Dave Nierenberg reported that the problem of maintaining anonymity on course and clerkship evaluations will be solved with a new version of Blackboard that will be available in the summer that will also provide for the ability to produce and disseminate evaluations more quickly. Also, in order to maintain anonymity in clerkships with small student populations, clerkship reports for individual sites won't be generated until four or five students rotate through.

Diane Grollman is currently working on a system for providing incentives that would be congruous with the more anonymous evaluation system.

IV. Two Issues Regarding Clerkships

- A. Dave Nierenberg reported on two major issues that currently impact the clerkships:
 - i. Increasing capacity in the clerkships in order to allow for electives in Year 3; and
 - ii. The lack of diversity of patient populations in the clerkships.
- B. Dave reported that he and Eric Shirley have been negotiating with two major hospitals with large, diverse patient populations to provide clerkships for DMS. If one or both of these hospitals collaborate with DMS, it would solve both of the above problems.

V. Agenda for Feb. 13 Meeting:

- A. Review Year 3 clerkship: Pediatrics;
- B. Discussion regarding the “Health Leadership Practicum for DMS Year 2”