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**To:** Members of Medical Education Committee  
**From:** David W. Nierenberg  
**Subject:** Minutes - Meeting held Tues., January 17, 2012 - 4:00 to 5:30 pm, 758W Borwell

**Voting Members Present:** Jessie Bay (Year 2), Ben Colby (Year 2), Rich Comi, Matt Crowson (Year 3), Scottie Eliassen, Aniko Fejes-Toth, Tom Finn (Year 4), Sarah Johansen, Carolyn Koulouris (Year 3), Victor Laurion (Year 1), Tim Lahey, Hal Manning, Virginia Lyons, Todd Poret, Virginia Reed, and.  
 (n = 9)

**Voting Members Absent:** Kathleen Chaimberg, Dave Nierenberg, Greg Ogrinc, Judy Rees, Krina Shah (Year 1), Eric Shirley, and Jonathan Zipursky (Year 3).  
 (n = 12)

**Guests and Non-Voting Members:** Shannon Darrah, Ann Davis, Diane Grollman, Cynthia Hahn, Mikki Jaeger, Tony Kidder, Mo Levin, Geoff Noble, Brian Reid, and Cindy Stewart (n = 7)

**Scheduled Meetings:**

Sept. 20	Oct. 18	Nov. 15	Dec. 20	Jan. 17	Feb. 7*	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	May 15	June 19
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\* Denotes change from original schedule.

**I. Review of the Neurology Clerkship:**

Morris Levin, Rich Comi, and Year 3 student Matt Crowson presented a review of the neurology clerkship. Details are included in the attachment "Neurology Clerkship Summary."

## II. Introduction of MEC Course/Clerkship Review Subcommittees:

Rich Comi (acting on the authority of chair, David Nierenberg) reported that in order to act in accordance with LCME standards, all courses should be reviewed yearly. In order to bring the MEC into compliance, subcommittees are being formed who will meet monthly to review each course and/or clerkship using guidelines provided (see attachment). The proposed subcommittees comprise:

- A. Year 1 Subcommittee: Dr. Lyons (chair), Victor Laurion, Krina Shah, Dr. Rees, Dr. Fejes-Toth, and an as yet unnamed faculty member.
- B. Year 2 Subcommittee: Dr. Nierenberg (chair), Ben Colby, Jessie Bay, Dr. Lahey, Dr. Comi, Dr. Chaimberg, and Dr. Manning.
- C. Clinical Subcommittee: Dr. Shirley (chair), Tom Finn, Jon Zipursky, Dr. Ogrinc, Dr. Johansen, Scottie Eliassen, and Dr. Poret.

## III. Report on the Social Justice Vertical Integration Group:

Tim Lahey reported on the proposed Social Justice curriculum (see attachment). The following was discussed:

- A. The curriculum would be added as follows:
  - 1. Add 15 hours of new social justice material to the curriculum;
  - 2. Integrate an additional 15 hours in collaboration between course directors and a group of social justice-expert faculty and students; and,
  - 3. Require  $\geq 25$  hours of hands-on work with communities of need.
- B. In two years, Social Justice will intersect with the new curriculum
- C. The additional curriculum would not add time to the students' schedules
- D. The quality of the teaching must be high. Expert professionals in the area will lecture.

## IV. Changes to Year 3:

Eric Shirley presented a proposal for changes to the structure of Year 3 (see attached) that would correct some problems in the surgery clerkship and bring DMS into compliance with the national norms. After discussion in which a question arose regarding whether the changes would solve the problems, discussion was tabled to be reopened at that February meeting.

## V. Agenda for February 21, 2012 MEC Meeting:

- A. Further Discussion of the Restructuring of Year 3