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To: Members of Medical Education Committee
From: David W. Nierenberg
Subject: Minutes - Meeting held Tues., Sept. 12, 2006 - 4:00 to 5:30 pm, 758 Borwell

Voting Members Present: Jamie Bessich, Rich Comi, Barbara Conradt, Andy Daubenspeck, Brent Harris, John Hwa, Susan Kelly, Petra Lewis, Gene Nattie, Dave Nierenberg, Ben Northrup, Greg Ogrinc, Laura Reis, and Eric Shirley = 14

Voting Members Absent: Leslie Fall, Horace Henriques, Valerie Rooney, Abigail Rao, and Joao Tiexeira= 5

Guests and Non-Voting Members: Lori Alvord, Kalindi Treitley, Joan Monahan, Brian Reid, and Lora Thompson = 5

Scheduled Meetings:

Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Nov. 14	Dec. 12	Jan. 16	Feb. 13	Mar. 13	Apr. 17	May 8	June 12
758 W Borwell	Fuller Bd. Rm.	Fuller Bd. Rm.	758 W Borwell	758 W Borwell	758 W Borwell	758 W Borwell	758 W Borwell	758 W Borwell	758 W Borwell

I. [Introduction of Members](#)

Dave Nierenberg explained the purpose of the Medical Education Committee and invited all present members to introduce themselves.

II. [Results of Part II of the LCME Boards Taken by Recently Graduating Students](#)

Dave Nierenberg reported on the results of the '06 LCME boards, taken by the class that graduated in June:

- A. The national mean was 221; the mean for DMS was 229.
- B. Only one DMS student failed, but retook it and passed, bringing the pass rate to 100%. The national pass rate is 94%.
- C. This was the best pass rate DMS has achieved.

He further delineated the scores based on subject, organ systems, and general mechanisms.

III. Restructuring of the Architecture of Year III

- A. Led by Eric Shirley, the membership revisited the issue of revising the structure of Year III clerkships:
 - 1. The year is currently structured on blocks of 6 weeks. The restructuring would be based on blocks of 8 weeks.
 - 2. The ICE Course would be divided into three blocks – one at the beginning, one in the middle, and one at the end of the year.
 - 3. The restructuring would accommodate elective choices, allow for sick leave, and facilitate extra time needed for medicine and surgical sub-specialties.
 - 4. Student government strongly supports the restructuring, but might want it done slightly differently, i.e., would like to compress ICE course to add more time for surgery and medicine.
 - 5. Year IV will remain the same.
- B. Dave Nierenberg took a straw vote to determine if he and Eric Shirley should proceed to explore the restructuring project. The results were:

Strongly agree: 10
Agree: 4
Neutral: 0
Disagree: 0
Strongly disagree: 0
- C. Dave Nierenberg and Eric Shirley will proceed with the restructuring project.

IV. Discussion of Clerkship Hours

Eric Shirley reported that the guidelines developed last year for clerkship hours had been distributed but the student government reports that there are still some problems. Laura Reis and Ben Northrup elaborated that students report that Obstetrics (only at DHMC) and Surgery are requesting long hours. Dave Nierenberg requested that the student government poll more students for several months to get more comprehensive data and the issue will be revisited.

V. Review of Course: Year II Infectious Diseases

Dave Nierenberg reviewed the Year II Infectious Diseases course that ended in May or 2006 and provided the following information:

- A. The course runs in April/May for approximately 4-1/2 weeks and is chaired by Mary Margaret Andrews.
- B. Most students found the class to be good or very good – the same as last year. In terms of student satisfaction, it is approximately in the middle when compared to other classes of that year.
- C. Students expressed concerns regarding exam questions being unclear.
- D. Students expressed concerns regarding the quality of small groups, even though the faculty dedicates a lot of time to them.
- E. Because these concerns tend to repeat with each year, Dave Nierenberg will send a letter to the course director, recommending that she explore the issues.

VI. Agenda for Oct. 10 Meeting:

- A. Demonstration of PowerPoint Audio on Blackboard;
- B. Review Year II course: FEK;
- C. Performance on Step II, Clinical Skills board exams;
- D. Performance on Shell Exams; and
- E. Clerkship Hours (cont'd)