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To: Members of Medical Education Committee
From: David W. Nierenberg
Subject: Minutes - Meeting held Tues., Nov. 14, 2006 - 4:00 to 5:30 pm, Fuller Board Room

Voting Members Present: Rich Comi, Barbara Conradt, Andy Daubenspeck, Brian Guercio, Brent Harris, Horace Henriques, John Hwa, Susan Kelly, Petra Lewis, Gene Nattie, Dave Nierenberg, Rebecca Pschirrer, Abigail Rao, and Laura Reis = 14

Voting Members Absent: Jamie Bessich, Leslie Fall, Ben Northrup, Greg Ogrinc, Michelle Oullette, Sarah Pletcher, Jim Price, Valerie Rooney, Eric Shirley, and Joao Tiexeira = 10

Guests and Non-Voting Members: Joan Monahan, Diane Grollman, and Lora Thompson = 3

Scheduled Meetings:

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

I. Scheduled Review of Course or Clerkship: Year 3 Surgery

Rich Comi reviewed the Year 3 Surgery clerkship and provided the following information:

- A. The clerkship runs approximately 7.5 weeks and is co-chaired by Ken Burchard and Horace Henriques. It includes two rotations, on either one of six DHMC services, and/or the single surgery service at the VA.

- B. In general DMS students do well on the surgery portion of Part II of the boards.
- C. Discussion then moved to Call Hours for surgery students. The following points were made:
 - 1. Students are not on call more than one evening every six days.
 - 2. The clerkship directors are working towards promoting increased awareness of the students' level of fatigue while on call.
 - 3. Horace Henriques stated that there is value in students' learning how the hospital runs during late hours.
 - 4. It is within the purview of MEC to monitor on-call hours for clinical rotations.
 - 5. In order to pursue the subject further, more information from the students is needed (Laura and Ben will continue to survey).

II. Possible Restructuring of the Architecture of Year 3

The membership continued to discuss the issue of possibly revising the overall architecture of Year 3. Issues discussed included:

- A. Dave Nierenberg met with each Course and/or Clerkship Director at least once. He reported the following issues related to the possible change to a "7X7" plan:
 - 1. In order to accommodate the additional 1/2 week required in California for licensure, the surgery clerkship will always be followed by an elective block.
 - 2. The new structure would put the Family Medicine clerkship at a disadvantage due to its effect on away rotations and return from the 2-week holiday break.
 - 3. The Pediatrics clerkship has three components (some at distant sites) and would be harder to complete in seven weeks.
 - 4. Obstetrics also has three components, but is not as concerned about a problem.
 - 5. Laura Reis reported that students are 100 percent in favor of the new 7X7 and are enthusiastic about its flexibility.
 - 6. Having electives in Year 3 may be beneficial to students, but is probably only "necessary" for the few students headed for an early match.
- B. Dave reported that an alternative to the restructuring might be to work with the Clerkship Directors to accommodate 14 students per cycle for the coming year.
- C. Dave Nierenberg suggested that the discussion be completed at the December meeting (when, presumably, all data will be in) and a vote taken.

VI. Agenda for Dec. 12 Meeting:

- A. Continuation of discussion and vote on Year 3 restructuring; and
- B. Review Year 3/4 clerkship: Neurology.