

Meeting Date: March 18, 2026

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Hybrid; Borwell 383, Zoom

Approval:

Recorded By: Emily Godfrey

Attendance

Present = X, Absent = 0

Faculty Voting Members							
Black, Candice (Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine)	X	Hofley, Marc (Clinical – Pediatrics)	X	Jankowski, Mary (Department of Psychology)	X	Lee, Michael (Department of Medical Education)	O
Marshall, Alison (Clinical – Emergency)	X	McCrary, KrisEmily (Department of Family Medicine)	X	McNulty, Nancy (Department of Radiology)	X	Myers, Lawrence (Department of Med Ed & Biochemistry & Cell Biology)	X
Phillips, Oliver (Department of Neurology)	O	Reuman, Hannah (Department of Medicine)	X	Seigel, Timothy (Department of Surgery)	X	Thesen, Thomas (Department of Medical Education)	O

Student Voting Members							
Year 1							
Tietjen, Jack	X	Garbis, Demetrios	O	Cayabyab, Kevin	O	Huang, Raymond	X
Year 2							
Ganga, Kiran	O	Johnson, Jakobi	O	Sherman, Meredith		St. John, Emily	X
Year 3							
Dameron, Corbin (Co-academic chair)	X	Darling – Mena, Addie	X	McNamara, Colin	X	Shirmer, Dain	O
						Harring, Alden	X
Year 4							
Hernandez, Eli	O	Li, Kevin	O	Pfaff, Mairead	O	Plona, Kelsey	O
						Ramkumar, Nividetta	O
MD/PhD							
Gayne, Alexys	X	Armero, Andre	X	Marshall, Abigail	X	Reiner, Timothy	X

Non-Voting Members							
Albright, Amanda (Instructional Designer)	X	Borges, Nicole (Chair, Dept. of Medical Education)	X	Cameron, Justine (Director, Accreditation & CQI)	O	Chimienti, Sonia (Dean for Educational Affairs)	X
Cunningham, Tara (Associate Dean, Student Life)	X	Dick III, John (Assistant Dean for Clinical Skills Excellence)	O	Eastman, Terri (Director, Integrated Curriculum)	X	Eidtson, Bill (Assistant Dean, Student Success & Accessibility)	O
Fountain, Jennifer (Specialist, Senior Assessment)	O	Garrett, Tiffany (Associate Director, Health Sciences & Biomedical Libraries)	X	Godfrey, Emily (Medical Education Coordinator)	X	Levy, Campbell (Assistant Dean of Advanced Clinical Curriculum (Phase 3))	X
Lyons, Virginia (Pre-clerkship – Associate Dean Pre-clerkship Curriculum)	X	Matthew, Leah (Assistant Dean, Core Clinical Curriculum)	X	McAllister, Steve (Director, Educational Technology)	O	McBride, Lisa (Associate Dean, Diversity, and Inclusion)	O
Pinto-Powell, Roshini (Associate Dean, Admissions)	X	Rich, Alex (Registrar)	X	Rose, Amy (Educational Affairs)	O	Shaker, Susan (Director, Pre-clerkship Education)	X
Sunday, Michelle (Director, Learning Environment)	X	Taylor, Julie (Associate Dean, Medical Education)	O	Thompson, Rebecca MEC Chair (Clinical Neurology)	X	Vengrin, Courtney (Director, Evaluation and Assessment)	X
Weissburg, Paul (Associate Dean, Evaluation and Assessment)	X						

Student Non-Voting Members						
Thomason, Helen (Co academic Chair)	X					

Guest(s)		
Sneha Lyer		

Call to Order

Rebecca Thompson, MD Chair – Medical Education Committee

Rebecca Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

Announcements

- Call for new MEC faculty voting members to be sent in April/May
- Moment of silence for Dr. Brian O’Sullivan

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Thompson, MD

Approval of February meeting minutes.

Tim Seigel made a motion to approve the February 2026 MEC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Meredith Sherman. The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Updates

1. Phase 1 – Renal course review, Dr. Fuld shared “best practices” idea to use a concept map to outline how all the topics in a course are connected, proposed revisions to the pre-clerkship student contact hours policy, phase 1 retreat April 8th
2. Phase 2 – Sending students off to Phase 3 at CEI C March 26th- April 3rd! welcoming students to Phase 2 at CEI A on March 30th, candidates to P2CC to be discussed this evening, next P2CC April 10th- discuss clerkship attendance policy and IM clerkship review.
3. Phase 3 – One at large faculty position open (2 candidates), step 2 policy revisions reviewed, Dartmouth Visiting student program- seeking interested faculty. Operationalizing new SubI SPE, Neuro Clerkship review.
4. GAOC – Step 2 policy discussion, Dr. Myers, safety net program discussion, GAOC charter coming up, grade submission policy coming up.
5. CTs- Academic schedules and timelines for AY26-27, CT leader involvement in course and clerkship reviews, branding event from M2’s (general and CT specific feedback), task force working on SOP for phase 1 MCQ exams.
6. NCPC- AI curriculum proposal reviewed in September 2025, step 2 review in December 2025, final review March 2026 and will be advanced to appropriate subcommittee. Integrative medicine proposal- step 1 review September 2025 (did not advance to next step).

Consent Agenda

1. Vote: Competency Alignment Working Group- Dr. John Dick and Amanda Albright

Final Recommendation

MEC Approval of Competency Framework

The Working Group recommends the MEC vote to adopt the [proposed competency set](#) for implement in AY26-27 beginning with Phase 2 which starts April 2026.

Includes approval of

- [Recommendation 1](#): Transition from 8 competencies to 6
- [Recommendation 2](#): Language Revisions to AAMC Competencies
- [Recommendation 3](#): Retain/Reworded Geisel Competencies
- [Recommendation 4](#): Sunset Geisel Competencies
- [Recommendation 5](#): Accept AAMC Competencies Address Leadership Appropriate for UME



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Alison Marshall made a motion to approve the Working Groups final recommendations to adopt the proposed competency set for implementation in AY26-27 beginning with Phase 2 (April 2026). The motion was seconded by Candice Black. The motion passed.

2. Vote: New Faculty voting members for phase 2 subcommittee- Dr. Leah Matthew

Dr. Leah Matthew presented three candidates (Dr. Heather Vestal, Dr. Zanira Fazal, and Dr. Albert Alhatem) who have applied for the open voting faculty positions (two) on the phase 2 subcommittee. An electronic vote will be sent to the MEC by end of week.

New Business

1. Foundations course review- Dr. Paul Weissburg

Dr. Paul Weissburg presented the Foundations course review to the MEC; however, the action plan did not have a complete consensus. Overall, student feedback data demonstrated consistently strong performance over the past five years; but concerns remain that Phase 1 students are not gaining the foundational concepts in pathology (muscle physiology, action potentials) to better prepare for Step 1 and future clerkships.

Dr. Lyons suggested forming a working group to find additional ways to incorporate content and decompress block 3.

The MEC decided to delay voting on the action plan and instead hold additional discussions before moving forward.

2. Step 2 Policy- Dr. Tara Cunningham

Dr. Tara Cunningham presented the revised Step 2 policy to the MEC.

Revisions to the policy included:

- Passing USMLE Step 2 becomes a graduation requirement for future cohorts beginning with the class of 2030.
- Waiver option is sunset
- Processes were streamlined

Hannah Reuman made a motion to approve the revisions made to the Step 2 policy. The motion was seconded by Candice Black. The motion passed.

3. Phase 1 review- Dr. Virginia Lyons

Dr. Virginia Lyons presented the phase 1 review findings, highlighting key recommendations including decompressing Block 3, improving alignment with Step 1 topics, addressing unintended curriculum redundancies, enhancing interactive learning.

The team discussed the need for an assessment policy that will ensure session objectives, course and CT objectives are being met. Faculty development needs, particularly to improve the quality of assessment questions and establishing a guideline for the number of formative questions required per session, should be acquired.

The MEC will plan to vote on recommendations and action items next month.

Ongoing Business

- Course and Clerkship reviews
- Updated MEC Charge
- Anatomy pilot update

Future Meetings

MEC meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

- April 15th
- May 20th