

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

September 9, 2008

Present: Richard Davidson, Chair; Rob Averbuch, Judy Bowers, David Caro, Robert L. Hatch, John R. Meuleman, Maureen Novak, Margaret Wallace, Cynthia Karle, Juan Cendan, Tim Flynn, Frank Genaurdi, Bill Winter, Paulette Hahn, Kyle Rarey, Omayra Marrero, MSIV, Chris Bucciarelli, MSII, Troy Pashuck, MS1.

Absent Members: Heather Harrell, Mohan Raizada, Louis Ritz, J. R. Taylor, MSIII.

Dr. Davidson welcomed members of the committee and requested updates from the student representatives. The student representatives stated that classes are progressing well with no major issues to report at this time.

Dr. Genaurdi reported that Jacksonville is reviewing new software called, "New Innovation". Also, that Wolfson Hospital broke ground on a new Pediatrics' Hospital. This hospital will contain additional rooms on the top floors for adults.

Suggestions were made that Dr. Rathe review the log systems so that issues there can be handled properly. There are new revisions of EMR and student access and involvement in the planning of these revisions.

Dr. Rarey reported plans to refurbish the Blue Room and Student Lounge. Omayra Marrero indicated that Dr. Good is involved and supportive with improvements to lighting, internet access and furniture.

Dr. Davidson reviewed Committee Policy and Procedures. There was discussion about the restructuring of USMLE Step 1 exams and its impact on medical curriculum. Obvious changes will be needed in the order to prepare students. Plans were discussed about moving Step 1 into the 4th-year. Also, the need to make revision of the curriculum before class of 2010 was identified. Dr. Davidson will advise the curriculum committee of any other changes or new developments.

Dr. Cooper discussed the make-up of the evaluation subcommittee. Dr. Averbuch was mentioned as a new member and agreed to do so. Dr. Rathe was also recommended. Dr. Cooper advised the curriculum committee that the evaluation subcommittee has not met since January; the committee is scheduled to meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Patrick Garner was suggested by Wayne Bottom to be an ex officio member of the evaluation subcommittee. A discussion ensued on the faculty and student evaluation of the curriculum. Student's responses to questions may be flawed because of misunderstanding the questions, or not being aware of the course goals. Redundancy and clarification were issues as well. Dr. Davidson advised everyone again that reasons for having an evaluation subcommittee was to review and evaluate information, identify redundancy and education gaps, and provide faculty and students feedback.

Implementation of the Patient safety curriculum will be a topic to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10am.