

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

November 25, 2008

7:30 – 9:00 am

Attendees: Richard Davidson - Chair, Robert Averbuch, David Caro, Juan Cendan, LouAnn Cooper, Paulette Hahn, Heather Harrell, John Meuleman, Glenda Railey, Kyle Rarey, Richard Rathe, Louis Ritz, Maureen Novak, Omayra Marrero (MSIV), Dhipthi Mulligan, Beverly Vidaurreta, Margaret Wallace, William Winter

Absent Members: Judy Bowers, Christopher Bucciarelli, Robert Hatch, Troy Pashuck (MS1), Mohan Raizada, J.R. Taylor

Approval of October Minutes

- Dr. Wallace motioned to approve the October meeting minutes.
- **The motion was moved and approved.**

Plus/Minus Grading

- Members discussed plus/minus grading as modeled in various schemes for both clerkships and courses by Dr. Cooper . Overall, the recalculated grade-point averages of the Class of '08 students showed a more normal distribution. The average decrease in grade-point average was .07 with the highest decrease at 1.18. When reporting class rank position as divided by thirds, only 4 of 114 categorized differently – 3 would have improved and only 1 decreased position from middle third to lower third. Members have concerns about the effect that the plus/minus grading system will have on the current students who have been evaluated under the old system.
- The Curriculum Committee continues to solicit input from course and clerkship directors, students, and the Evaluation Subcommittee until the first of the year at which time it will make a recommendation to Drs. Rarey and Duff regarding the implementation of minus grading by Summer '09.

Redesign of Faculty Evaluation Forms

- Drs. Cooper and Rathe presented revised faculty evaluation forms to the members for their review and suggestions. In the full evaluation form for core faculty, the BOR-required overall rating question is placed at the top, and the comment box follows next with the goal of receiving more helpful information from students. Other basic changes include evaluation questions more specific to the type of instruction being delivered, i.e. small group leaders, lectures, etc. Also proposed is the addition of pre-selected “NA/No Opinion” choices for questions other than those required by the BOR. The Evaluation Subcommittee will determine a final suggested series of forms to present to the Curriculum Committee for approval.

Graduation Questionnaire Results

- Dr. Rarey presented the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire Program Evaluation Survey – Individual School Report. The survey compares UF’s 2008 graduating students’ response ratings to the national average rating on courses, curriculum, clerkships and other aspects of colleges of medicine.

LCME Update

- Dr. Rarey presented an overview of the updated LCME standards and policies.

Update from AAMC Meeting

- Dr. Davidson announced that the next AAMC regional meeting will be in New Orleans in early April '09.
- Drs. Rarey, Harrell and Cooper reported briefly on various topics addressed at the AAMC Conference in November.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.