

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

December 9, 2008

7:30 – 9:00 am

Attendees: Richard Davidson - Chair, Robert Averbuch, Judy Bowers, Christopher Bucciarelli (MSII), David Caro, LouAnn Cooper, Margaret Duerson, Frank Genuardi, Michael Good, Paulette Hahn, Heather Harrell, Robert Hatch, John Meuleman, Kyle Rarey, Louis Ritz, Beverly Vidaurreta, William Winter

Absent Members: Juan Cendan, Troy Pashuck (MS1), Mohan Raizada, Richard Rathe, J.R.Taylor, Maureen Novak, Omayra Marrero (MSIV), Dhipthi Mulligan (MSIV), Margaret Wallace

Dr. Davidson welcomed members of the committee and requested updates from various members. Chris Bucciarelli stated that classes are progressing well and all are looking forward to the holiday break.

Dr. Genuardi reported that Jacksonville emergency medicine residents won a national simulation competition recently. They are finalizing contracts to obtain cadavers for the simulation lab.

Dr. Winter reported that Course Directors had an online discussion regarding minus grades and agreed that they should not be used. Dr. Davidson stated that minus grades will be discussed more in January so that the Committee can make a recommendation to Dr. Rarey.

Dr. Hatch reported that the logging system, developed by Dr. Harrell, is evolving well and details continue to be worked out.

Dr. Rarey announced that Dr. Gwen Lombard has accepted the position of Program Director of Resident Education.

Dr. Good expressed his appreciation for the Curriculum Committee and its engagement in the mission of the education and training of our medical students.

Time to Move the Graveyard: Dr. Davidson

Dr. Davidson presented the members with an introduction to the process of curriculum revision, featuring an integrated curriculum as modeled by the college of medicine at UCSF. In creating a vision for a new curriculum, he asked the group to consider the reasons why the curriculum should be changed, who is responsible, what the committee's role is in the process, how to revise the curriculum in the most appropriate way, and what, ultimately, do we want our medical school and students to represent.

Dr. Good stated that we need to differentiate ourselves from the other Florida colleges of medicine which are taking a primary care/community health orientation. He asked if we should play to our strength as a research university. Dr. Hahn suggested we would differentiate ourselves with our leadership. Dr. Harrell described our broad culture of promoting humanism and the arts as a strength that attracts an interesting and diverse student body and that should be maintained.

Members suggested inviting graduates and community members to participate in the curriculum revision process. Dr. Davidson requested the members be available to serve on task forces, read about curricular change, and promote a positive attitude about curricular change. Members will address the topic of integration at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.