

TUCSON EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016 4:30pm, 3230

MEETING ATTENDEES			
Voting Members	*	Resource Members	*
Kristopher Abbate		Susan Ellis	X
Elle Campbell		Sonia De Leon	
Maria Czuzak		George Fantry	X
Herman Gordon		Carlos Gonzales	
Sarah Harris		Raquel Givens	X
Wendi Kulin		Kevin Moynahan	
Patricia Lebensohn	X	Diane Poskus	
Lindsey Lepoidevin	X	Karen Spear Ellinwood	X
Bill Marshall	X	Amy Waer	
Art Sanders	X	Paul Weissburg	X
Sydney Rice		Violet Siwik	
Jordana Smith	X		
Kathy Smith	X		
Jim Warneke	X		
Stephen Wright	X		
Chad Viscusi			

*X = present

MEETING NOTES

1. Announcements/Reminders:

- a. **Introduction & welcome, Paul Weissburg, Director Program Evaluation and Assessment** Dr Weissburg attended his first TEPC meeting, having begun his new position with OMSE on November 21, 2016. He joins the College from his most recent position as an accreditor with the Council for Higher Education in America.
- b. **Discussion- Recent JAMA Article Focusing on the Mental Health of Medical Students (not on the original meeting agenda)** Dr Sanders informed the group of a recent article published in JAMA. The article dealt with the high rates of depression and suicide among medical students. The article called for better research in the area of prevention and intervention, calling attention to the fact that studies of strategies/programs to alleviate depression are small and/or not well designed. Planning for the College's revised curriculum includes an increased emphasis on student wellness.

2. Voting Items:**a. Minutes from November 16 meeting**

Approved without revision

- b. Academic Probation Policy- Revision to Implementation Date (Fantry)** The policy was approved at the TEPC meeting of November 16, 2016, effective immediately with the Class of 2020. Subsequently, Drs Waer and Fantry, in discussion with OMSE staff, determined that beginning the policy in the middle of an academic year could result in inappropriate negative consequences for students. As such, Dr Fantry proposed that the Academic Probation policy go into effect with the revised curriculum in the Class of 2021. The proposed implementation date was approved.

3. Discussion items:

- a. Update from the Program Evaluation Working Group (Lebensohn)** The working group has its initial meeting on December 6, 2016. While the existing LCME-approved curriculum evaluation system in place, the group proposed a shorter timeframe (30 days) for initial block review data to support the curricular revision process. The group will work with Drs Bloom and Parikh to pilot new data gathering strategies in their upcoming blocks, such as incorporating additional items on the current block surveys and implementing student focus groups. Regardless of the techniques used, the emphasis is on obtaining more immediate student feedback.

- b. Update from Transition to Residency Implementation Group (Fantry)** At its initial meeting, the group discussed the elements of the Year 4 curriculum. They suggested an increased emphasis on individualized Year 4 rotation schedules and career advising and implementation of two new types of elective course offerings, Transition to Residency “Bootcamps” and “Return to Basic Sciences” rotations.

Dr Fantry reported that Student Affairs already offers customized student career advising, based on student’s stated speciality preference. He is in the process of creating specialty-specific templates to support career advising.

The residency “bootcamps” electives are designed to prepare students to enter residency. There would be two initial “bootcamp” options, one aimed at medicine specialties and a second geared toward surgical disciplines. These would be offered as electives after Match Day. The proposed “Return to Basic Sciences” rotations would be offered during January – February of Year 4. Specific curricular details of these courses would be determined at a later time.

The group also reviewed the current graduation requirements, recommending that the core subinternship and Emergency Medicine/Critical Care requirements remain. Discussion of the Surgical Subspecialty requirement was tabled. Dr Warneke commented that the surgery subspecialty section heads planned to discuss the requirement at their upcoming December meeting. Dr Moynahan indicated that a proposal addressing the surgical subspecialty requirement would be presented at an upcoming TEPC meeting in 2017.

Meeting adjourned. The meeting regularly scheduled for December 21, 2016 is cancelled. The next meeting will be January 7, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS			
	Items(s)	Assigned to	Target Date
1.	Post Academic Probation policy to CoM website	Susan Ellis	