

Education Council (EC) Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2008

Members present: *S Allen, D Anderson, L Anderson, J Beattie (L Watson), A Campbell, B Clarke, T Ebner, A Friedman, C Hegarty, L Henson, R Hoffman, J Jochman, A Johns, W Miller, A Minenko, C Niewoehner, L Perkowski, D Power, L Repesh, R Soninno, T Thompson, T Walseth, D Wangensteen, M Woods, J Wynn*

Members absent: *J Adams M Baird, B Benson, B Brandt, K Brooks, S Chahla, K Crossley, M Hordinsky, B Johns, M Kondrak, L Ling, M LuBrandt, R McCollister, J Miller, J Nixon, C Patow, J Sauter, T Stillman, K Watson, P White, R Wong*

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for October 21, 2008 meeting were approved without changes or additions.

II. Discussion

Proposed Calendars for MED 2010

Dr. Friedman announced the discussion topic, noting a need to review and assess the proposed calendars as thoroughly as possible, to allow MED 2010 planning timelines to remain on target.

Dr. Henson provided materials to illustrate proposed calendar and scheduling for scientific foundations and clinical education, designed to achieve an integrated program. The phases and structure are intended to support and promote the Principles, previously approved by Education Council members. As Dr. Henson mapped out the proposed phases of the MED 2010 curriculum, Council Members gave feedback and asked questions regarding the following:

- timing for milestone assessments
- placement of weekly blocks of open time (Friday and Monday - proposed for open self-directed learning)
- how and when to measure competencies and early assessment of student progress
- how timing of basic science and clinical experiences will fit with USMLE's new "gateway" exam
- need to "front load" core clerkship rotations during the flexible continuum

Education Council members responded with suggestions for alternatives to proposed scheduling, such as changes to the timing of “open” independent study blocks; possibly changing the configuration of some weeks in the Human Disease blocks and also the need to allow additional time and opportunities for faculty to comment on the scheduling structure before the final decision.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the proposed calendar was unanimously approved by the members of the Education Council, with the understanding that some flexibility should be allowed during the remaining scheduled Retreats, to provide the opportunity for input from course directors and faculty.

Recorder Sue Mowbray

The next Education Council meeting will be held on December 16, 2008

Approved by EC members on December 16, 2008