



**Student Education Group  
11/4/14  
Minutes**

**Members unable to attend:** Reiko Sakai

**Members in attendance:** Will Manning, Brian Till, Dylan Hershkowitz, Sarah Johnson, Caleb Seufert, Jenna Arruda, Ben Clements, Karl Kristiansen, Emily Schloff, Nicholas Field, Bryan Brown

**Minutes by:** Brian Till

**Chairperson:** Jenna Arruda

**Guests:** Dr. Paula Tracy, Erin Pichiotino (MCC), Omer Ikizler, Liz Carson, Theresa Flanagan, Richard Mendez, David Nguyen, Lauren Haggerty, Peter Hyson, Peter Seymour, Lynn Sipsey, Darlene Peterson (Clerkship), Soraiya Thura, Rachel Carlson, Stephen Maurer, David Leon, Charlotte Hasting, Curtis Gwilliams, Ethan Harlow, Michal Cunningham (MCC)

**Dr. Tracy (Foundations Updates & annotations discussion):**

- Dr. Tracy asked that everyone who can make it to the Larner classroom dedication Wednesday afternoon try to do so. Dr. Larner's son and son-in-law will be in attendance to represent the family, and a video of the ceremony is being sent to Dr. Larner. Dr Tracy asked that second year SEG members remind their classmates about event tomorrow.
- Dr. Jeffries also noted wearing white coats would be appreciated.
- Dr. Tracy said that Foundations of Medicine went fabulously in her opinion. She said that the course ran better than any of the original VIC courses ran in their first two years of its existence.
- Dr. Tracy is hoping some of the innovations that Dr. Everse offered will be made consistent and longitudinal across the curriculum. She suggested that the theme of "continuity" is a major component of her work leading the committee, and she suggested that a statement from SEG specifically supporting her on this issue – the need for a range of issues to be made more consistent across Foundations– would be extremely beneficial. She noted that Kara Klingman (the student rep to the committee) is a consistent advocate on this issue at meetings.
- Dr. Tracy said that the second year class will begin using the Larner classroom in the near future despite the fact its TBL groups are a person too large for the tables in the room. There is a small amount of work left to be done before the room is "ready for prime time," but it will likely be put into use quite soon.
- Jenna raised the issue of quiz annotations.
- Dr. Tracy said that Nick Field had sent her a policy statement which SEG hopes to send to the MCC for approval at their Nov 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. She noted that there are some course directors who feel annotating all of the quizzes is a great idea. The thinking of several other course directors is that if someone has to look up or reason out why their answer is incorrect, they are much more likely to remember the information. There is excellent data to support this view, Dr. Tracy said. Dr. Tracy said that she has become convinced of the value in the annotations, though, and drew

particular attention to item 1B of the SEG proposal: that figures and illustrations from specific lectures or references should be included when pertinent. She also noted that annotating distractors is critically important. Dr. Tracy said that believes that TA's can play an important role in this process. In her course, for instance, TA's start two weeks before the class begins, providing ample time to work on quizzes. Dr. Tracy also noted the proposal suggests OMSE pay third and fourth year students to continue the ground work of laying down first drafts of annotations – she asked Dr. Jeffries whether this is possible.

- Dr. Jeffries is not sure about the complexity of hiring a student currently “in” the curriculum, but he will look into the issue.
- Dr. Tracy is planning to take this policy to the next Foundations committee meeting.
- Caleb and Nick will be going to Eileen CichoskiKelly to move this forward and to better establish what role, exactly, TA's can be assigned with regard to this proposal.

#### **Dean Jeffries (Clerkship update):**

- Dr. Jeffries said that based on student feedback and internal data, a decision has been made to suspend the surgery clerkship at Danbury while the LEAP committee recommendations are implemented there. The five individuals slated to do their surgery rotation there will instead be at Fletcher Allen. Surgery rotations are slated to restart in Danbury in March with a plan endorsed by the UVM College of medicine and the heads of both the surgery clerkship (Dr. Moore) and the head of the site. The SEG elected a member of the Danbury LEAP committee was involved helping to formulate an action plan.

#### **Jenna (Fourth year AI lottery):**

- There will now be a first and second choice lotteries. Prior, people who are going into internal medicine were competing for prime spots and prime locations with those with no interest in going into the field. Now, those hoping to go into other specialties will be able to rank those interests above medicine in the first round of the lottery, and then select a medicine AI in the second round.
- Darlene raised the issue that the December medicine rotation has basically no days off, and that solving the issue of how undesirable this rotation remains unsolved in this new arrangement.
- Dr. Jeffries noted that there have been more medicine rotations added which should ameliorate the issue. If it turns out no one selects December rotations, it may be possible to eliminate them now.

#### **Dean Jeffries (Clerkship lottery):**

- Dena Jeffries suggested that the second year class write a document from SEG about how the lottery works. Right now the session that provides information is not doing a sufficient job of giving people a sense of how to go about ranking, and, each year, there are people who feel they were misinformed and received a poor outcome as a result.
- Jenna noted what that Dean Jeffries is really describing a document meant to manage expectations.
- Lynn Sipsey proposed a “chicken soup” like document like the ones given out to first years as compiled by students from all the previous years.

- Will Manning is going to run with this idea. He'll plan to collect information from the designer of the program, as well as statistics from the OMSE.

#### **Jenna (Course eval redesign):**

- Dean Jeffries said the proposal put forward to SEG was brought up at MELT earlier in the day. Dr. Jeffries also noted that some of the things that are in the EVALS are LCME mandated and we need to make sure those remain included, but, otherwise the committee supported SEG's efforts.
- He noted that provost has recently issued a command for all of the colleges to produce their teaching evaluation programs, making this a timely issue.
- Jenna noted that Brian had developed a first draft of surveys for faculty and staff and that, now having MELT support, we should plan to engage with Alison Howe to develop them more fully.
- Brian asked where the best place to find out what LCME and UVM writ-large needs are.
- Dr. Jeffries said that Dr. CichoskiKelly and Alison Howe can find the answers to these questions.

#### **Bryan (SEG course reviews):**

- Dylan noted that the SEG comet page now has folders for all of our course evaluations as well as a table of assignments with regards to which reps have been assigned to each course in the past.
- Ben noted it's important for third and fourth years who have done course reviews in the past to get those up to the site.

#### **Caleb (Communication plan):**

- Caleb said that inclusion of bios was one thing noted in the original communication plan that he wanted to move forward with at this time. He said a picture and small blurb describing the goals and values each representative brings to the committee. Caleb thinks this can help us to better define what the organization is, and show aspiring first years the sort of things we are looking for in candidate
- Brian noted we should also list who is assigned to what courses in a public space like this.

#### **Dylan (study space):**

- Dylan said that Kiersten had asked that SEG update the study space lists as we approach Step 1. She also suggested we send a survey out to third years about secret spots for studying.
- Caleb noted it might sound strange now, but that come Thanksgiving space gets tight as undergrads and others start to study.
- Erin asked if the document could be specific that people should not monopolize large rooms.
- Darlene raised the issue that there seems to be a lack of small group rooms for places for people to be loud.
- Dylan is moving this project forward.

#### **Brian (bylaws update):**

- Brian noted there are two new issues to consider. The first is a switch to voting via secret ballot, and the second is language with regard to SEG members remaining on the committee in event of someone delaying their clerkships or taking a leave.

- Ben said that he didn't necessarily feel that pushing back a clerkship was grounds for dismissal from SEG, and that someone on path fellowship, if still attending meetings and participating, shouldn't inherently be removed.
- The committee settled on language stating: "Members are elected for the entirety of their time at institution. Students must remain in good academic standing as defined by the advancement committee."
- SEG voted unanimously to adopt the new bylaws.

**Ben (Poster):**

- Ben said he had submitted a Poster to the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine conference on advancement of professionalism in medical school. He noted this is second poster to come out of group in four years.

**Brian (Concern about clerkship lottery):**

- Brian raised the issue of circulating rumors that members of the class of '18 who had delayed their clerkships had taken Fletcher Allen spots away from those in the lottery.
- Dean Jeffries said he wants it to be clear that the class of '17 had priority in this selection process. Dean Jeffries said the juggernaut was most pronounced at OBGYN, and that slots had been added to ameliorate the issue. Two new slots in Plattsburgh and one in Porter have been added, and, in name those are "Fletcher Allen." Dean Jeffries wanted it to be known that it is "total baloney" that there were spots taken away from '17 year students.

SEG went into executive session to elect representatives from the class of 2018.