



**Student Education Group
2/3/15
Minutes**

Members unable to attend: Emily Schloff, Caleb Seufert, Bryan Brown

Members in attendance: Ben Clements, Michael Cunningham, Jenna Arruda, Sarah Thompson, Nicholas Field, Dr. Jeffries, Will Manning, Brian Till, Dylan Hershkowitz (lync), Reiko Sakai (lync) Karl Kristiansen, Nicholas Field, Charlotte Hastings, Rachel Carlson, Pete Seymour, Liz Carson

Minutes by: Rachel Carlson

Chairperson: Ben Clements

Guests: Darlene Peterson (Clerkships), Michael Cunningham (MCC), Kara Klingman (Foundations)

Foundations and Clerkship Committee Representative Election (Darlene Peterson)

- Last year recruiting began for the UVM COM foundations and clerkship committee representative. SEG will be the voting members for the foundations and clerkship committees. Nick will take the lead on the elections by writing or obtaining committee descriptions and Darlene and Kara will review any descriptions before submission to the weekly wire.

Medical Curriculum Committee Update (Erin Pichiotino)

- Nick attended and reported Dr. Zehle's discussion about student advising and the current training of PCR and specialty advisors. Mike mentioned that many of our advisors are strong mentors but students also need to discuss residency specific applications with 4th years who have matched or first year residents in the field.
- On the medical education website there is a specialty advisor page which can coordinate students with the "lead" advisor in the department. Brian suggested being more direct in the early years with specialty specific information that is direct about residency acceptance and board scores.
- Many expressed interest in peer support and thoughts on residency that are specialty and UVM COM specific.
- Jenna proposed the ease of using a Wiki to record student experience and an overview of experience. Kara supported making a UVM student contact list so students can ask questions and make connections with recent alumni.
- Nick will speak with Dr. Zehle and seek approval. Jenna will be a 4th year representative. Karl will collect 3rd year questions.
- Possible conflict between administration and Wiki to be aware of address before moving forward.

Bob Low's Lecture on Effective Classroom Teaching (Brian)

- Dr. Low invited SEG to provide input for a Mud season conference session on Effective Classroom Teaching.

- Liz will be taking the lead and Ben supporting and will bring back ideas to the March meeting. Edits need to be made to the current power point addressing how to create an effective power point and will also be brought back to the March Meeting.

Course Evaluation Update (Brian)

- Brian updated on creating a focus group of course directors to better understand what faculty find useful for evaluations and surveys. The student and faculty surveys are ready to go and will be distributed after faculty input is solicited.
- Kara would like prioritization of issues important to SEG to bring to Foundations Committee.
- Kara believes there is progress with test questions. Faculty are going to annotate in their own individual manners. Dr. Tracy is creating a 4th year elective to work primarily on quiz questions.

Attendance Policy Update (Liz)

- Liz sent out a revised Attendance Policy Update to SEG members
- Kara assisted in writing the initial policy with Dr. Tracy which was left vague purposefully to adapt for clerkship years and diversity.
- There are conflicting thoughts on whether the policy needs to be updated or whether Dr. Tracy is looking for a student statement. Questions also were prompted regarding whether SEG should be involved in changing or amending the policy.
- Karl is going to get in touch with Dr. Tracy to confirm her actual needs for an attendance policy.

Faculty Clicker Training (Liz)

- Liz wonders if faculty are trained with clickers.
- Karl and Brian suggested incorporating this into Dr. Low's power point and effective classroom teaching. Liz will combine this with her efforts on the Effective Classroom Teaching.
- Kara will ask about staff clicker barriers at the next Foundations meeting.

Wellness/SEG Step 1 Survey Update (Dylan)

- A survey will be going out about Step 1 study strategies and self-care. The survey will be incentivized with a gift!
- Dr. Jeffries updated on the 2nd year results of the basic sciences shelf exam. Students did very well and a conversion table can be used to correlate (highly unreliably) for step 1 scores and typical scores are higher after the dedicated study period. Nationally we finished in the 80th percentile. People who are struggling have been contacted and those needing intervention is small number. Things look good.

Exam Review (Charlotte)

- First years are having trouble with exam review and not being able to access either electronic or paper notes. Test review has improved over the years.
- Charlotte will email Jill Jemison to determine what students can see during test review and whether we need additional approval to view notes.

Additional Concerns:

- Darlene and Liz addressed student concern regarding the use of the Larner Classroom. Dean Jeffries confirmed the classroom can be reserved for curricular activities and it is important to get instructors into the classroom to learn the technology and gain experience in the space.

Action Items:

- Foundations and Clerkship Committee Representative Elections
- Student Wiki for Residency Applications
- Effective Classroom Teaching with Dr. Low Session
- Course Evaluations and Attendance Policy