

Premedical Education Advisory Council

minutes of April 17, 2006 meeting

Present: Clara Callahan, Virginia Collier (by phone), Mark Greene, Betty Paulanka, Florence Schmiege, David Usher, George Watson, Marcia Watson

Excused: Helen Williams

Final Agenda

1. Minor in Medical Humanities
 - a. Recommendations for revision of minor
 - b. Revisions to CSCC course listings
2. Health Science Advisory and Evaluation Committee (HSAEC)
 - a. Plans for 2006 review
3. Medical Scholars Program
 - a. Report on this year's selection decisions
 - b. Report on plans of graduating class
 - c. Charging the *ad hoc* curriculum review committee
4. Early Admissions and Connected Programs
 - a. Delaware Institute of Dental Education and Research
 - i. Accelerated degree with Temple
 - ii. Explore speech pathology options
 - b. Thomas Jefferson University
 - i. Occupational Therapy
 - ii. Pharmacy
 - c. Recommendation on George Washington University interest

Outcomes

1.a. Mark Greene presented his proposal for revision of the minor in Medical Humanities. The essential elements included a new grounding course requirement (biology or physiology) with one-course-each requirements in each of three course groupings: 1. Ethics & Policy, 2. Arts, Literature, & History, and 3. Human Sciences. In addition it was proposed to delete the current requirement for Independent Study and replace with a review requirement in the spirit of a capstone experience.

Discussion focused on appropriate courses for the grounding requirement, quantity of courses required in the minor, and the review requirement. Mark will redraft the proposal for our further consideration facilitated by e-mail. When the draft meets the approval of PEAC, Cindi Shenkle, assistant dean in CAS, will be enlisted to submit the proposed revisions to the Faculty Senates.

1.b. CSCC courses are being eliminated, with the exception of two retained for use by Medical Scholars and one currently in use by the Department of Computer and Information Sciences. All other CSCC courses will be listed by the course rubric in use by the hosting department. We anticipate that the CSCC in use by CIS will receive new CISC listing. Joe DiMartile, UD registrar, has assisted us with this conversion. We are in search of a meaningful replacement for the CSCC rubric for the Medical Scholars courses.

2.a. HSAEC is well staffed with adequate representation (two each) from the College of Engineering, the College of Health Sciences, and the medical community, complementing the generous membership of eleven members from the College of Arts & Sciences. Following the meeting we learned that Anne Robinson, chemical engineering, has withdrawn. In addition, Zakiya Wilson, director of NUCLEUS, was invited and accepted membership. The size of the committee thus remains at seventeen. Please see attached membership for the June 20-21 meeting this year.

3.a. Interest in the Medical Scholars Program is rebounding. 18 sophomore students have maintained interest and 14 recently participated in a trip to JMC. 55 first-year students have completed the paperwork for the Program. The committee discussed the question of how many students JMC would be willing to interview. Clara indicated that JMC would be happy to continue to interview all students in the Program and reevaluate as needed if the numbers become unmanageable.

3.b. Six students are expected to graduate this year as Medical Scholars. Four have already satisfied the MCAT requirement and will be admitted to JMC. The committee discussed the two remaining students and their prospects. Three of the graduating Medical Scholars are Delaware residents.

3.c. Formation of the ad hoc committee to review the Medical Scholars curriculum is nearly complete. An additional member from Jefferson was being sought and Clara contracted Susan Rattner, Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Medical Education; an invitation has been extended. A meeting to charge the committee will be scheduled as soon as the final member has accepted and we will ask that the review be completed before the start of the Fall semester. Please see attached list of committee members.

4. Quick updates were issues regarding the prospects of connected programs with Thomas Jefferson University and Temple University. A connected program with TJU in an existing masters in occupational therapy is under development. TJU is establishing a School of Pharmacy and a Doctorate in Pharmacy. We will be working to create a connected degree in pharmacy. In addition, DIDER has approached UD about connecting to the School of Dentistry at Temple and that possibility is being explored, along with possibilities in speech pathology.

Committee members will be contacted about their availability for a meeting in September.

HSAEC 2006 membership

	College of Arts & Sciences	
1.	Dr. Karen Rosenberg	Anthropology
2.	Ms. Linda Dion	Biological Sciences
3.	Dr. Gary Laverty	Biological Sciences
4.	Dr. Jane Noble-Harvey	Biological Sciences
5.	Dr. Rivers Singleton	Biological Sciences
6.	Dr. Greg Stephens	Biological Sciences
7.	Dr. Patricia Walsh	Biological Sciences
8.	Mr. Dana Chatellier	Chemistry & Biochemistry
9.	Dr. James Wingrave	Chemistry & Biochemistry
10.	Dr. Lynn Snyder-Mackler	Physical Therapy
11.	Dr. Anna Klintsova	Psychology
12.	Dr. Zakiya Wilson	NUCLEUS (Chemistry & Biochemistry)
	College of Engineering	
12.	Dr. Anne Robinson	Chemical Engineering
13.	Dr. Jill Higginson	Mechanical Engineering
	College of Health Sciences	
14.	Dr. David Barlow	Health and Exercise Sciences
15.	Dr. Pam Beeman	School of Nursing
	Community	
16.	Dr. Michael Axe	Orthopedic Surgeon
17.	Dr. Alan Fink	Neurology Associates

Ad hoc Medical Scholars Review Committee

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