

UGMS Committee

Minutes

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 4:00 pm

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Ms. L. Glynn (Chair), Drs. G. Farrell, C. Donovan, S. Moffatt, S. Murphy, A. Dorward, T. Adey, A. Goodridge, M. Hogan, Ms. E. Hillman, Ms. S. Ackerman, Mr. S. Pennell, Mr. G. Beckett, Mr. N. Sowers (Student Representative), and -Dr. S. Peters (Invited Guest)

APOLOGIES: Drs. S. Shah, N. Bandrauk and Mr. J. Thorburn (Student Representative)

Review of Minutes of November 6, 2007

Members were reminded that these minutes have been posted on the homepage for voting and to date, have not been approved. Members were encouraged to vote if they haven't already done so.

Review of Minutes of October 15, 2008

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Ms. Glynn noted that with regards to the CAME certificate of merit, the process for nomination was quite lengthy and time did not allow for this Committee to follow through with a nomination.

Review of Minutes of November 5, 2008

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Review of Minutes of December 17, 2008

Page 2, second paragraph under the heading Invigilation Policy, *in the Class of 2009* will be removed.

Page 3, second paragraph, the first sentence should read “Members were advised that *the inconsistencies between the two documents* will need to be approved...”

Page 1, Dr. Moffatt’s name should be added under the heading of “Present”.

The minutes were approved as amended.

Business Arising

IPE Curriculum Proposal

Members were advised that a meeting had taken place between Drs. Rourke, Kearney, Farrell, Heath and Ms. Glynn regarding IPE. It was reiterated that the membership of UGMS supports the inclusion of IPE in the curriculum but it was felt that some things needed to change in order to make it more appropriate for all involved, and everyone is working together to this end. It was noted that while there was some dissatisfaction with the amount of IPE in the curriculum, it was made clear why this was so. The issue is not that IPE is included in the curriculum but is more regarding the logistics of presenting it. There was a clear understanding of where the problems are with a view to trying to overcome these issues for September.

Dr. Goodridge advised that IPE in the Psychiatry course has now been evaluated and the feedback was better than any that has been received previously. This is a positive step.

Chair of the Sub-Committee for Assessment

Members were advised that Dr. Donald McKay has agreed to take on the role of chair for this committee.

New Business

Design and Governance

Dr. Peters was welcomed and she advised members that since the time that Faculty Council voted in favor of the curriculum design, a working group has the responsibility of populating the phases with all of the MCC objectives. This will have to be completed before a needs assessment can be considered, and until then input will not be required for the next phase of the development. As well, a large number of e-mails have been received from groups who would like to add to the curriculum thus a unified approach will have to be developed to handle such requests.

At this time, Dr. Peters provided a presentation on Governance and Management for the New Curriculum.

UGMS Role in Curriculum Renewal

Dr. Peters noted that when the working groups are in place, they will need direction from this group regarding what the proper learning environment should be and also, MELT will be seeking help from individuals to be part of the presenting features development.

With regards to the governance function and the terms of reference, the required skill sets appropriate for each of the phases will have to be decided upon. For example, decisions will be required on ways to integrate clinical skills, how to bring more into the fourth year and who would be best to accomplish this.

It was pointed out that this Committee needs to give thought to ways of revising the mindset to bottom up as opposed to top down. As these curriculum changes come forward, this Committee will be taking ownership of the curriculum and how it is delivered.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. L. Glynn
Chair

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