

Assessment Committee

January 22, 2019

4:00 – 5:00 PM

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Present: David Jewison, Claudio Violato, Sasha Buchner, Cassaundra Burt, Kevin Diebel, Pedro Fernandez-Funez, Kelaine Haas, Samuel Ives, Chloe Peyton, Peter Southern, Lora Wichser, Jess Blum, Sam Ives, Adam Kneepkens, Amy Seip, Sophia Gladding, Stephen Richardson, Kirby Clark Cynthia Johnson (Administrative Coordinator)

Absent: Scott Davenport, Jane Miller, Joe Oppedisano, Eric Velazquez, Brinsley Davis,

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1. Minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting were approved. New committee member Dr. Pedro Fernandez-Funez of the Duluth campus was welcomed and introductions were made.

2. Discussion of assessment in the first two years was tabled until data from the piloting of new methods is available. Concerns from Duluth will be addressed; comprehensive final exams will stay in place until data is received. Dr. Southern favors keeping final exams, i.e. preserving the status quo, until more data is available so that the two campuses are aligned.

3. Assessment in the Clinical Environment

- Dr. Jewison led a discussion based on CEC feedback. This committee will develop a proposal to overhaul of the current methods. Changes will involve different approaches and require additional resources. At their last meeting, the CEC was open to a new approach, specifically more direct observations, which will be challenging to implement on a large scale.
- Dr. Wichser represented the Assessment Committee at the last CEC meeting. She talked about timely, on-the-spot assessments that students can use to show growth and clerkships can use to meet EPAs. A good tool is needed, and MyProgress can most likely be tweaked, but this should be easier if we start implementing the changes across all clerkships. Dr. Wichser reported that in spite of everything going on in the student environment and with the upcoming LCME visit, people were excited about the change and see it as needed. People were excited to hear about a comprehensive assessment strategy for 2020-21, and the CEC is gearing up to support clerkship directors. Honors continues to be a sticking point. There is excitement for the fundamental clerkships, but it might be too much to bite off for some, so leave them as is for now.
- There were questions at the CEC meeting around logistics; clerkship directors want to make changes and need to be shown how it will work. Dr. Clark mentioned the importance of faculty development. We already have some funding through Hertz faculty award to provide faculty development funds.
- Drs. Jewison, Wichser, Nikakhtar, and Fallert will continue to work together toward unanimous support, but for now we need to think bold without worrying too much

about the expense. Feedback is that clerkships prefer to coach the students and have someone else be the evaluators.

- Student representatives said that “mini OSCEs” might be a little intimidating at first, and they would feel more comfortable if there were a grading rubric and if a standard assessor, rather than their preceptor did the assessment.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 5:00.

The next Assessment Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26.