

Education Council (EC) Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2018

EC members present		
Michael Kim	Ray Christensen	
Maggie Flint	Taisha Mikell	
Michael Wall	Kevin Diebel	
James Nixon		
Brad Benson		
Bob Englander		
Mark Rosenberg		
Betsy Murray		
Scott Slattery		
Kaz Nelson		
Heather Thompson Buom		
Joe Oppedisano		
Nersi Nikakhtar		
Nacide Ercan-Fang		
Marianne Watters (admin)		

Approval of May [minutes](#)

Proposal for July meeting

- ❖ Breaking silence around suicide and mental health issues
- ❖ Plan for July 10 with July 24 as back-up
- ❖ Bob and Michael will work together to plan agenda and reach out to stakeholders to check their availability
- ❖ Bob publicly (and for the record) thanked Nersi and HCMC for doing a spectacular job in sensitively handling the situation with Matt's suicide

Presentations

I. COSSS/SSC Updates

Michael Kim

Objective: Understand recent trends in student progression and standing

Materials:

Duluth [1](#), [2](#)

Twin Cities

- ❖ Duluth data reviewed (Michael)
 - Increase in USMLE failures
 - Concerns raised that students taking exam when they should not have

- Reasons for failure include: Life distractions, not prepared, lack of communication
 - No one dismissed
- ❖ TC data reviewed
 - Increase in course failures
 - Red flags raised - failures are predominantly systematic
 - Discussions happening to make significant changes in first semester that include: low stake testing, increase tutoring sessions (Scott Slattery), changes in Enrichment/Orientation, Academic Advising Program
 - Step 2 prep steps in place
 - Question raised on requirement of 70% total pts and 70% on the final to pass - this is being discussed in SFC and may be revised
 - Will follow-up after first semester

II. BA/MD Program Updates

Taisha Mikell

Objective: Update on the BA/MD Joint Admissions Program and overview of the curricular and co-curricular program components

Materials

- ❖ Seven year combined BA/MD program (3 yrs undergrad, 4 yrs med school) that identifies underrepresented, diverse students with an interest in Medical School
 - Highly mentored and advised
 - First cohort started last fall, second cohort to start this fall - 10 students in each cohort
- ❖ Academic performance of first cohort reviewed
 - GPA improved from fall semester to spring
 - One of ten students was put on academic suspension for not meeting program expectations
 - Requirements of the program: research, campus & community engagement
- ❖ Challenges
 - Student Academic progress
 - At the end of spring semester 6 of 10 did not meet program requirements
 - After remediation, 6 of 10 did meet program requirements

- Communication with campus partners (CLA colleagues specifically)
- Reviewed lessons learned
- Creating community among the participants across the classes
- ❖ Meeting scheduled with Provost to discuss concerns about program success in the area of academic performance

III. Clerkship Tuition Allocation

Betsy Murray

Objective: Review of the finalized proposal for allocation of general tuition funds to the Departments for their required clerkships.

Materials

- ❖ Reviewed process for making final recommendations
 - Discussion
 - Substantial amount of "sunk costs" for all required clerkships regardless of length (Certain clerkships have expensive fixed costs for things such as exams, simulator time, etc that don't vary by time)
 - Other clerkships had variable costs that increased with shorter clerkship length, such as proctoring final exams (twice the annual number of exams to proctor if 4 wks vs. 8 wks)
 - Recommendations
 - Funding should be the same regardless of clerkship length
 - OME to consider allocation of funds for specific activities independent of the general funding of each clerkship
 - Next Steps: Sent to Bob - Recommendation 1 has already been adopted
 - Overall Goal: Increase transparency and accountability

Next Meeting: July 10 from 4-5:30 in B646