



# Clerkship Committee (CC) Minutes

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### APPROVED

Tuesday April 26, 2022

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Meeting via Zoom

**Attendees:** Drs. K. Busche (chair), T. Ayas, S. Bates, K. Darcus, J. Desy, A. Harvey, J. Haws, T. Jablonski, R. Kachra, J. LaMothe, J. Midgley, A. Mineyko, C. Naugler, R. Ram, M. Sohn, S. Weeks, Mr. M. Bondok, Ms. K. Fu, Ms. S. George, Ms. C. Heshka, Ms. E. Lindquist, Mr. M. Paget, Ms. T. Pander, Ms. D. Stanojevic, Ms. S. Tai, Ms. D. Jean (admin)

**Regrets:** Drs. S. Bannister, D. Fu, G. Gelfand, G. Greenfield, N. Hardcastle, W. Harris-Thompson, L. Hinz, F. Jivraj, N. Johnson, A. Kassam, S. Lopushinsky, M. Louis, B. Meatherall, S. Mohan, J. Vantanajal, M. Walter, S. Wicklum, H. Yoon, Mr. S. Bell, Ms. S. Leskosky, Ms. L. Palmer

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### 1. Welcome and Thanks

The meeting was conducted through Zoom and was called to order at 12:34 p.m. by Dr. K. Busche (Chair). Welcome to members and a brief overview of what the meeting would entail. He introduced Dr. Melanie Sohn as the new Emergency Medicine Clerkship Director, who was in attendance. He also informed the committee that Dr. Marcy Mintz and Ms. Natasha Pigford are joining the committee in their roles as the UME Accreditation Lead and the EDI representative for the UME, respectively. He also announced that the resident representatives interview process was proceeding well and should have new resident reps at an upcoming meeting.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2022 – Passed unanimously.

### 4. Standing Updates

#### 4.1 Student Reports

Ms. George from the Class of 2022 informed the committee that the class was currently just finishing up all the requirements from their Clerkship year and looking forward to Graduation and Residency starting in the Summer.

Ms. Lindquist from the Class of 2023 updated the committee that the class is enjoying getting into clinical settings in their first few months of Clerkship with most students now fully getting into the swing of how this new environment works. She also included that the Class of 2023 Graduation is currently scheduled to be in-person, noting that this would be the first full scale in-person event the Class of 2023's have had since starting Medical School.

Ms. Fu from the Class of 2024's update included that they have their Welcome To The Profession Event in-person coming up, which the class is looking forward to. She also was noting concern from the students regarding the email system for booking electives, and inquiring about the possibility of visiting electives coming back for their class. Dr. Busche responded with different booking possibilities for the Class of 2024 to

book their Electives in better ways. He also included that the visiting electives are possible with a final decision pending and requiring ratification by the AFMC.

#### **4.2 Undergraduate Medical Education Committee**

Dr. Naugler informed the committee that the last UMEC meeting was updates and Annual Reports, there is nothing to update this committee on at the present time.

#### **4.3 Pre-Clerkship Committee Update**

Dr. Weeks updated the committee with the progress of the Class of 2024 stating they recently finished their second Career Development Week followed by their Spring Break, which has received positive results and reviews from the students. Dr. Weeks noted that when the students returned, they had an in-person IPE event called Trauma Day that consisted of students in different areas of medical professions which was a great success. They've now started Course 4 which at this time is scheduled to be all in-person learning opportunities.

#### **4.4 Student Evaluation Committee Update**

Dr. Desy updated the committee that the recent Clerkship OSCE was successful and was able to add more EPAs for the students. She also included that the Competency Committee is meeting to go over all student evaluations for all students' recommendations to SARC for their graduation decision.

#### **4.5 Research Committee Update**

Dr. Desy informed the committee that this committee still meets weekly to discuss the opportunities that have arose from research requests. She noted that there are a few things on the go that will be implemented going forward. Students are encouraged to get into the research opportunities, noting that a possible portal is in discussion for students to sign up for research and faculty studies.

#### **4.6 PGME Update**

Dr. Mineyko informed the committee that there were no updates from the PGME at this time.

### **5. Arising from the Minutes**

No updates at this time.

### **6. New Business**

#### **6.1 and 6.3 Clerkship Scheduling and Selectives**

Mr. Paget went over the current rotation structure for Clerkship and presented a data with how this structure works and how it is relevant and how it relates to the residency opportunities for the students. Suggesting the decoupling of selectives from the mandatory core rotations to have them on their own providing more options for students to have more selectives in different disciplines. Discussion was largely around the recent changes in previous years and how this could make the rotations work in the future. Please see the presentation in the appendix attached.

#### **6.2 Clinical Presentations**

Dr. Desy reviewed with the committee the list of clinical presentations with the list of courses/clerkships they appear in. She informed the committee that the MCC updates the clinical presentation list annually, Dr. Desy included that she will be distributing the list for all courses and rotations to update to ensure that all objectives are being met.

## 7. Clerkship Reports

### 7.1 Psychiatry

Dr. Ayas presented the Psychiatry report to the committee. He went over the breakdown of the course and how it is structured for the students including different sites and the staff that make up the rotation. Dr. Ayas included the different requirements of the Psychiatry rotation. He showed the ratings explaining they have maintained fairly consistent over the last couple years at a 4.33/5 rating, still making it a highly rated rotation. Dr. Ayas noted that a highly rated area with the rotation is the work/life balance Psychiatry provides. Other strengths include good teaching, treated professionally and respectfully by faculty and staff, felt safe and secure at sites, and having sensitive issues around patient care was well discussed with preceptors. The weaknesses include the opportunity to perform procedures, using problem solving schemes when working with patients and the core document being helpful was rated poorly. Other issues include that the rotation is too short, academic half days were repetitive, Ponoka site was too observational, and the preceptor or site experience is variable; of which these issues have received the feedback and have made the changes to make the rotation better. Future changes include going back to a six-week rotation, four weeks of general adult psychiatry and two weeks of child & adolescent psychiatry.

**Proposal:** Dr. Busche proposed to accept the Psychiatry Clerkship Report as it was presented today.

First: Dr. S. Weeks

Second: Dr. S. Bates

All in favour.

### 7.2 Pediatrics

Dr. Midgely was unable to give the presentation for Pediatrics today, Dr. Busche noted that they will be moved to next meeting.

Dr. Busche thanked everyone for attending and for their discussion. He reminded the committee that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, where Course 8, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Pediatrics will present.

**Meeting adjourned @ 2:10 p.m.**

**Minutes by: Danielle Jean**

**Edited by: Dr. Kevin Busche**