

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of Friday, May 25, 2012

Present:

C. Abrahams (PGME)	A. Matlow (WC)	A. Rachlis (UG Clerkship)
G. Bandiera (AD PGME)	H. McDonald-Blumer (Int Med)	S. Spadafora (VD PGME)
R. Fels-Elliott (PAIRO)	D. McKnight (AD Eg & Prof)	K. Somal (PAIRO)
J. Goguen (Medicine)	B. A. Millar (Rad Onc)	F. Scott (PHPM)
J. James (MSH)	L. Muharuma (PGME)	F. Vira (PAIRO)
M. Levine (Anesthesia)	A. Pattern (PGME)	A. Zaretsky (Psychiatry)
J. Maggi (SMH)	L. Probyn (Diag Rad)	
N. Marshall (PGME)		

Regrets:

A. Atkinson (Peds); R. Byrick (CPSO); S. Glover Takahashi (PGME); K. Iglar (Fam Med); W-C Lam (Ophthalmology); R. Levine (Surgery); S. Raphael (Lab Med); N. Rosenblum (CIP); J. Rosenfield (VD UGME); R. Schneider (Peds SS); D. Steele (ObGyn); J. Tepper (Sunnybrook); I. Witterick (Otolaryngology)

AGENDA/MINUTES

1. a) The agenda was approved as circulated.
- b) The minutes of the April 27th meeting were unanimously accepted as circulated. F. Scott motioned and M. Levine seconded.

REGULAR UPDATES & FOLLOW-UP

2. Update from COFM, HUEC

S. Spadafora gave an overview of items recently discussed at COFM:

- The number of PGY2+ and PRA positions have steadily decreased over the past few years, and CEHPEA is requesting schools to re-examine their capacity to consider. The NAC-OSCE developed by the MCC, CEHPEA and a number of other provincial groups may become the national standard for evaluation of IMGs – administered at various centres across the country, including CEHPEA.
- A provincial implementation committee and a UofT Steering Committee have been formed to develop systems for reporting on Medical Trainee Days, using a maximum of 275 days per year to calculate a full year of medical trainee days.
- The CPSO's Blood Borne Pathogen Policy revised May 2012 requires further review regarding impact on resident reporting due to the new requirement that physicians performing or assisting EPPs must be tested for BBPs annually.
- The COFM BBP policy was approved by UGME, but is still being reviewed by COFM re confidentiality issues.
- T2200 issues regarding what can be included for expenses will be referred to a working group at the provincial level.
- PG Deans discussed eliminating the AVP for 2013-14 or having everyone complete an AVP. A working group has been formed to look into the changes required to do so re the Medicine Act, logistics, timing and communications required.
- MOHLTC is concerned with the 2nd CaRMS match re filling of vacancies. Out of the 79 vacancies in Ontario, 16 were filled with transfers.

S. Spadafora relayed recent HUEC discussions/information:

- The "*Statement on Protection of Personal Health Information*" will be discussed at the Fall HUEC meeting, then move on to approval by UMECC and CEPD.
- UGME Accreditation is now complete
- PGME Accreditation is underway with Hospital PSQs due in October.

3. Resident Issues

- Contract negotiations are ongoing.
- PGCorEd modules no longer indicate the correct answers making it difficult for the resident to learn what they did wrong. The Vice Dean noted that there were no plans to revise the quiz format.
- PGY Welcome Weekend is scheduled June 28-30 with social events and a BBQ planned. PAIRO is currently working on the package to point residents to key areas on websites.

4. Pre-Accreditation Preparation

S. Spadafora and G. Bandiera met with the Dean and outlined each Department's readiness report including weaknesses noted. The Dean has requested each department chair provide an action plan to remedy any weaknesses outlined.

May 29, 2012 a Pre-Accreditation Workshop will be held for both RCPSC and CFPC program directors and administrators. Accreditation Tip Sheets have also been sent out.

September 20-21, 2012 the RCPSC and CFPC representatives will be at UofT PGME for the pre-accreditation visit, meeting with PGME staff regarding scheduling on Thursday and with Chairs, Program Directors, Chief Residents and Program Administrators on Friday September 21st. Therefore, the Sept 21st meeting of the PGMEAC is cancelled.

5. Policy/Guidelines/Consultation:

L. Muharuma updated PGMEAC regarding the status of our review of policies/guidelines. She noted the Intimidation and Harassment Guidelines will go before HUEC in October and revised Health and Safety policy will be distributed to members electronically in September prior to the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Resident Exit Survey

C. Abrahams presented a summary of the results from the recent Resident Exit Survey compared with previous years. There were 482 exiting learners this year, 282 of which completed the survey. Discussion based on the data included the possibility of capturing data from graduates the year after they exited and making PGME web information (website, PGCorEd, etc) mobile device capable.

7. 13-Block Year Rotation Scheduling

H. McDonald-Blumer presented the merits of changing from a 12 x 1 month block schedule to a 13 x 4 week block schedule. She summarized the current situation and the proposed impact on departments interacting with Internal Medicine once the 13 block structure was in place. Pediatrics and Surgery will discuss the change in structure with Internal Med directly. As not all PDs were in attendance, further communication will go forward in the summer requesting comments. An implementation date of July 1 2013 is planned.

8. Privacy Statement – HUEC Working Group

Discussed during HUEC update.

Other Business/Information

9. FMEC Implementation

FMEC-PG is included in the PGME Strategic Plan.

10. Teaching Effectiveness Scores (TES)

a) Recommendation to include the Mean, Median and Mode in the TES Reports

As a follow-up from the POWER Steering Committee, PGMEAC members discussed including the 3 average scores in TES Reports. Approval was given to the change and these will be included in future report productions.

b) Revising the TES scores from a base of 10 to a 5 point scale

J. Goguen proposed revising the teacher summary scores produced in the TES report from a base of 10 to 5, and presented details via a PowerPoint presentation. The group discussed the new scale and collectively approved the change.

11. New Business

S. Spadafora advised the committee that this will be the last PGMEAC meeting for Dr. Rachlis as she has stepped down from her position as Clerkship Director, UME. The committee wished her well and Dr. Spadafora thanked her for her beneficial and lengthy service to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.