



MINUTES: Curriculum Committee

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Time: 5:15 pm

Location: D4-16

Members Present: M. Gibbs presiding, G. Childs, C. Stewart, L. Steinberg, P. Patel, V. Sposetti, D. Culp, S. Wallet, M. Ansell, U. Nair

Excused: M. Edwards, D. Dilbone, K. Fields, J. Hardeman

Agenda	Item	Presenter/Discussion	Action/Motion	Timeline
Minutes	Minutes	The committee reviewed the October 8, 2015, minutes.	Motion: Approve the October 8, 2015, minutes. (Wallet/Sposetti) Approved.	
Student Recommendations	None			
Curriculum Management	<p>DEN 6128 Host Defense Debriefing Summary</p> <p>DEN 6407C Preclinical Operative Dentistry II Summary Debriefing</p> <p>DEN 6301C Fundamentals of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Debriefing</p>	<p>The committee reviewed the DEN 6128 debriefing summary. Dr. Wallet reported she gained a better perspective of students who did not attend lectures.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the DEN 6407C debriefing summary. It was noted that students felt the biomaterial was very dense. The committee has seen this recommendation before and recommended a communication be sent to the Chair of Restorative Dental Sciences.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the DEN 6301C debriefing summary. Students reported if they attended lectures they felt ridiculed,</p>	<p>Dr. Wallet will create a best practices in teaching handout to mentor new Course Directors. The committee did not have any additional recommendations.</p> <p>Motion: Forward the debriefing summary and the committee’s notes to Dr. N. Clark, and request that she appoint a clinical faculty (ies) to work with Dr. Shen in identifying biomaterial critical concepts and then work collaboratively to develop vignettes that highlight the associations between biomaterials and clinical decision making. This person/s would also collaborate in constructing exam questions for all of the restorative sciences preclinical courses beginning with Spring 2016’s, DEN6415C, Preclinical Fixed Pros 2. (Wallet / Culp) Approved.</p> <p>In addition to the debriefing summary recommendations, G. Childs will convey to Dr. Kashtwari the committee’s</p>	

	Summary	and on the recordings the PowerPoint lectures lacked labels.	recommendation of providing a formative rubric and feedback for the lab evaluation.	
	Assignment of Syllabi Evaluations for Semester 8	The assignments for syllabi review of Semester 8 were shared and are due at the December 3 meeting.	The Office of Education will send weekly reminders.	
Old Business	Sustainability Small Group Case-Based Learning	<p>G. Childs reported to the committee the new case is scheduled to be implemented with the larger groups and have asked the facilitators to report back on its effectiveness. The HRSA grant is ending for the training is ending. G. Childs will be meeting with Dean Garcia and discuss the case-based learning. Other issues that will need to be addressed are the administration and the training of the facilitators.</p> <p>M. Ansell offered to provide educational literature about the effectiveness of case-based learning.</p> <p>Students expressed the lack of calibration in the facilitators in preparing them for exam items. This was acknowledged and noted that a designated trainer for facilitators is part of the future plan for the program.</p>	The committee will continue this discussion at the next meeting.	
New Business	<p>Use of axiUm in Preclinical Courses</p> <p>Elective Proposal: Evidence-Based Dentistry</p> <p>NBDE Standards Setting Update</p>	<p>Dr. U. Nair, who is also a member of the IT Advisory Committee, reported that there is now enough bandwidth and licenses for students to use laptops in sim lab and access axiUm for use in preclinical courses.</p> <p>G. Childs presented Dr. Gold's elective proposal for the Evidence-Based Dentistry course. V. Sposetti expressed concern for the length of the course, 42 hours, being too long. Student members also felt this would be too many hours along with their core courses. M. Gibbs suggested this to be 2 courses. There were also questions regarding how the topics listed are different from DEN 6001.</p> <p>V. Sposetti referred to the handout for the NBDE 2016 Standards Setting handout. The NBDE is currently being recalibrated so more of the lower scores are at risk of a failing grade. She wanted the committee to consider if passing these exams should still be a requirement for students to earn their degree.</p>	<p>G. Childs will distribute Dr. Nair's handout via email.</p> <p>The committee tabled this topic until after G. Child discusses with Dr. Gold the committee's concerns.</p> <p>The committee tabled this topic until further discussion about passing the NBDE as a degree requirement until a quorum is present as some members had to leave early.</p>	

Adjourned		6:50 p.m.		
Next Meeting		December 3, 2015		