

COM Faculty Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Leader Avenue Conference Room

Meeting was called to order 5:00pm

Members Present: Ballard, Cambi, Curry, Fahy (chair), Feddock, Jackson, Jones, Peterson (ex-officio), Schoenberg

Members Absent: Ambati, Geddes, Springer, Telling

Guests Attending: Drs. Darrell Jennings and Chipper Griffith

- Minutes from the April 19, 2011 Faculty Council meeting were approved without revision.

- **Curriculum Proposal**

Drs. Jennings and Griffith presented the reasons for revision of the current curriculum including:

1. Explosion of scientific knowledge
2. Better integration of the students with the material
3. Translation science paradigm
4. USMLE 1 changes with clinical applicability
5. Pre-requisite MCAT changes
6. Recruiting issues

The proposed curriculum at this time has blocks scanning across the curriculum. Pathology, Physiology, Pharmacology, Microbiology, Semiology and Histology would span the M2 curriculum. The M1 curriculum would begin with an orientation, then Human Structure and Development followed by Cellular Structure and Function (Biochemistry/Genetics), Nutrition and then begin the Intro to System Biology including Pathology, Physiology, Pharmacology, Microbiology, Semiology and Histology. This is then followed in the M1 year by courses including Evidence Based Medicine, Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Health Systems.

- **Provost Request for Ratio Determination**

Due to the length of the curriculum changes, the voting item of the Provost request for ratio determination was not able to be conducted due to the loss of a quorum after 6pm.

- **Committee updates:**

1. Council of Chairs – Dr. Fahy – Including discussion on Internal Approval Form (IAF) changes for grant submission
2. Dean Search – Dr. Peterson – Dr. Eric Neilson from Vanderbilt University and Dr. Fred de Beer from the University of Kentucky are interviewing on May 18th and May 25th respectively and have meetings set up with Faculty Council.
3. Curriculum - see above
4. Student Progress and Promotions – no updates

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.