Minutes: Meeting of May 11, 2005

Present:
Drs. Joshua Chodosh, Wendy Coates, Ronald Edelstein, Joan Kaplowitz, Sally Krasne, Shaleen Metten, Neil Parker, Susan Stangl, Randolph Steadman, Margaret Stuber (Co-Chair), John Tormey (Co-Chair), and LuAnn Wilkerson.
Students: Aron Bruhn, Hrak Ray Jalian, Steve Rad, and three other students
Guests: Drs. Sue Baillie, Hy Doyle, and Mark Munekata. Pat Anaya, Joyce Fried, and Gezelle Miller.

Visitors: Drs. Alex Stagnaro-Green and Richard Howland and one student from New Jersey School of Medicine.

Minutes

Aron Bruhn wanted to add that he and John Abelson felt that the addition of the fourth year radiology selective was the best of several inadequate solutions and that ultimately, the MEC should be working toward the third year radiology clerkship. The March and April meeting minutes were approved with this addendum.

Student Mistreatment Data - Joyce Fried

Presentation:

Please review the attached slides for presentation details. The data comes from two sources: the Well-Being Survey (given at the beginning of the fourth year) and the Graduation Questionnaire (given at the end of the fourth year). The data is from the Class of 2005.

Discussion:

Dr. Chodosh wondered how much effort was put into letting faculty, residents and staff be aware of this issue. Joyce answered that she went to each department and made presentations several years ago; it may be time to do so again. A Student Mistreatment Policy was recently approved and there are plans to create an internet course that all residents would complete. Joyce was thanked for her presentation.

Selectives in the First Two Years - Dr. Sue Baillie

Presentation:

Please review the attached slides for presentation details.

Discussion:

Per the last presentation slide, there is a problem with the time conflict on Mondays. A number of the selectives are not directly on campus and the instructors have some time
limitations. These selectives are conflicting with labs in Block 4 and 5, which are scheduled until 3:20pm on Mondays. Students have told Dr. Baillie that evenings are not preferred, and this scheduling conflict affects all of the selectives in the spring semester.

Aron Bruhn mentioned that even though the second years are not enrolled in selectives, it is nice to have some of the selectives scheduled in such a way that they can attend if possible.

The committee commended Dr. Baillie and the entire faculty involved with the Selectives. The committee did not feel the need to make any new policy decisions at this time.

**Ambulatory Medicine Clerkship Peer Review - Dr. Mark Munekata**

**Presentation:**

Please review the attached slides for presentation details.

**Discussion:**

Dr. Munekata commented that there would be more case based and problem based activities in the curriculum. There are 8 weeks of didactic Friday sessions; the first half is Family Medicine and the second half is Medicine.

Dr. Wilkerson commented that this was a difficult "marriage" in the beginning but it has worked out so well and has become a wonderful partnership. Drs. Munekata and Stangl were thanked for their hard work.

**Drew Update - Dr. Ron Edelstein**

Dr. Edelstein mentioned that they had the LCME site visit, had a loss of the JACO accreditation, and will have the ACGME site visit and the JACO re-site visit coming up in December. Last month, the Board of Supervisors asked Dr. Garthwait to make an assessment of the affiliation agreement between Drew and MLK Hospital for the purposes of the County deciding if they want to be a community hospital, a residency training hospital, a residency training hospital with Charles R. Drew, etc. Dr. Garthwait reported to the Board of Supervisors yesterday with a number of recommendations and suggestions, including that they continue the affiliation. He also supported a concept of superstructure of CEO of Drew and King Drew Medical Center for integrating the whole academic medical center. The Board of Supervisor voted yesterday and within the next 90 days, these changes have to take place.

Dr. Hector Flores, Director of Family Practice at White Memorial Medical Center, is an expert on healthcare and faculty practice plans in underserved areas in Los Angeles. He became the chairman of the Health Advisory Board and will continue to be an important player.
Dr. Willock has announced her retirement, which will be at the end of the academic year. Drew will be searching for a new Dean and President. Dr. Willock has served as Dean for three years and has done such a great job and should be acknowledged for her great commitment to Drew’s education program. He also commended the Drew students.

Drew’s General Surgery Clerkship is at Harbor, and evaluations are very good. Drew will make sure that any disadvantages are corrected ahead of time, before the current second years become third year students. Dr. Hector Flores has said that he would personally write letters to the incoming students as well as to meet with them to let them know how they are valued at the Hospital and how the hospital is committed to the Drew education program.

Dr. Wilkerson added that Drew’s General Surgery component will continue to be at Harbor for the next third year class, and the same will be true for Neurology. The didactics have been combined for Ambulatory Medicine and Psych/Neuro and will continue for next year as well.

Policies for the Third and Fourth Years - Dr. Neil Parker

As we changed the curriculum for the third and the fourth years, several changes evolved and there were some concerns that have been expressed by the clerkship directors and the college chairs. There was a joint meeting of these two groups to look at the continuum of the third and fourth year. Dr. Parker presented several items that these groups voted on at their joint meeting.

Research Elective and Deferment of Required Clinical Clerkship

Many of the students have been convinced by the faculty that there is a need to do research if they are going into the surgical specialties. 60-80% of our students do research during the summer of their first year and with the changes in the curriculum, some are doing research during the summer of their second year. The rumor is that this research does not count unless it is in the specialty that the students are applying for. Dr. Parker clearly stated that this is not the case, but students continue to believe that this is the case and is their perception.

After January of their third year, students will choose to do research when they should be thinking about choosing a college and their fourth year coursework. This has created a problem because many of the students choose to do research (3-5 weeks) and end up dropping their required clerkships, which are often required for their fourth year electives. After the college Foundations, students are advised to do subinternships. Students do not want to do research during subinternships.

The clerkship directors and the college chairs unanimously agreed that the required third year ought to be completed before students go into the fourth year. They unanimously agreed that students should be able to do research if they believe that they need to do this, however, this needs to be done as early as possible in the third year. A set of meetings on how to do research will be offered to students during Clinical Foundations in the third
year. The preceptorship will also move towards career development so students can choose to do their preceptorship with an individual in the field they might be going into that could include research rather than just clinical arenas.

The required clerkships must be done before the start of the fourth year with the exception of the college foundations.

Dr. Wilkerson added that they appreciated following the Drew plan of having their students do their research plan and IRB in the third year. UCLA will use some of Drew’s ideas in Clinical Foundations and have our students think about research earlier. Dr. Edelstein informed the group that Drew is looking into moving it even earlier to the summer of the first year per students’ feedback.

**In summary, the proposed policy is to have students complete the third year before starting the fourth year.**

**Make Up Time for Failed Clerkships or Exams**

There are students who fail one of the shelf exams or one of the regular exams for a clerkship. Such a student will have failed a course and will need to make up that course. There is a policy that a student cannot remediate a course while they are taking another course. The College Chairs and the Clerkship Chairs committees decided that students have to make up the clerkship or the exam before they can start the fourth year courses, with the exception of Clinical Foundations. Dr. Parker mentioned that there are a lot of services that the School provides to students who are in need, and students receive a lot of academic and personal counseling.

**In summary, the proposed policy is to have students pass all of the third year before starting the fourth year.**

It was moved to accept these two recommendations. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**USMLE Step II Clinical Knowledge Exam**

There was a policy that required student so take the Clinical Knowledge exam by the end of December. Students are also required to pass the exam in order to graduate. Students and faculty discussed this matter before and decided to move the examination due date to after students submit their rank lists. Dr. Parker reported that there are problems with this change, especially when students do not pass the exam the first time around when they have already been accepted into a residency program.

The recommendation is to move the due date to January 10th. This date would allow students to take the exam two times and allow time to remediation.

**It was moved that all seniors must sit for USMLE Step 2 by January 10th of their senior year. If a student fails to sit for the exam, they will not receive any credit for**
course work taken after January 10th until they have sat for the examination. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously to apply to the Class of 2006.

Dr. Parker will take these actions to the FEC for final approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.