**MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES: MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2008**

**Members Present:**  
- Dr. Wendy Coates  
- Dr. Daphne Calmes  
- Dr. Ronald Edelstein  
- Dr. Michael Gorin  
- Dr. Dotun Ogunyemi  
- Dr. Jonathan Hiatt (co-chair)  
- Dr. Sally Krasne  
- Dr. Shaleen Metten  
- Dr. Mark Noah  
- Ms. Rikke Ogawa  
- Dr. Jan Tillisch  
- Dr. John Tormey  
- Dr. Neil Parker  
- Dr. Hugh Gelabert  
- Dr. Margaret Stuber (co-chair)  
- Dr. Jan Tillisch  
- Dr. John Tormey  
- Dr. Neil Parker  
- Dr. Hugh Gelabert

**Students:**  
- George Bao  
- Casimir Dowd  
- Mark Sugi

**Guests:**  
- Dr. Richard Baker  
- Joyce Fried  
- Dr. Kelsey Martin  
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- Lawrence “Hy” Doyle  
- Ravi Bhattia

**Staff:**  
- Margaret Govea  
- Regina Richter  
- Gezelle Miller  
- Zachary Terrell

**Time Called to Order:** 4:35pm  
**Time Adjourned:** 6:35pm

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<td>Minutes of the February 13 meeting</td>
<td>The minutes were reviewed.</td>
<td>The minutes were approved with one revision.</td>
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<td>Announcements – Clerkships Chairs Conference – Dr. Stuber</td>
<td>The Annual Education Conference for Clerkship Chairs, Site Directors and Coordinators will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 12:30 – 5pm in the Faculty Center’s California Room.</td>
<td>Informational</td>
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<td>Joint Medical and Nursing School Pilot Program – Dr. Stuber</td>
<td>The medical and nursing schools will participate in mutual teaching pilot program. A maximum of 20 graduate nursing students will be integrated into the medical school third-year Doctoring course next year on an experimental basis. Details of the program are still pending.</td>
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| Fundraiser for Alumni Scholarship Fund – Ravi Bhatia | The Class of 2009 has launched a fundraiser for the alumni scholarship fund to raise money for future medical students. The “Geffy”, a teddy bear that serves as the UCLA mascot, is offered for $14. Those interested in making a contribution may visit the following link for more information:  

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<td>New MEC Member, Dr. Catia Sternini – Dr. Stuber</td>
<td>Dr. Catia Sternini, was officially approved by the FEC and will now become an MEC committee member.</td>
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| MSTP – Integration into HB&D – Drs. Kelsey Martin and Stephen Smale | Dr. Smale and Dr. Martin gave an overview of the 25-year-old MSTP program for MD/PhD students.  
Pre-clinical MD/PhD Activities  
• Monday seminars - faculty presentations on their research, presentations by MD/PhD students in their third year of research, career presentations by students and faculty, such as Dr. Parker.  
• Weekly journal club organized by first year MD/PhD students  
• Annual research conference (Friday poster session and Saturday conference on research topics specific to MD/PhD students)  
MD/PhD students leave the medical school curriculum after their second year and normally take at least three years to work on their Ph.D. Before they return to the clinical curriculum, they participate in a two-week re-immersion program.  
The NIH competitive renewal was passed, but NIH was concerned with the integration of basic science and clinical science since MD/PhDs are conducting translational research. UCLA strongly encourages students to return in time for clinical foundations in June of their third year but students have some flexibility to return in September or as late as October.  
They asked for HBD input to better integrate. The HB&D members felt the format of the new curriculum better promoted integration of basic science and clinical curriculum. | Informational |
| Report on LCME Secretariat Visit - Joyce Fried | The LCME secretariat visit was on March 11. Drs. Barbara Barzansky and Dan Hunt met with Dr. Levey, Dr. Robinson, Drs. Parker and Wilkerson, and Ms. Fried during the course of their visit. Later, they met with Drs. Baker, Edelstein and Calmes to review the Drew program. Ms. Fried remarked that the secretaries showed great interest and were very impressed.  
Drs. Byus and Guze provided an overview of UC Riverside’s developing medical school and its progress. Lawrence “Hy” Doyle joined the group to talk about the PRIME program. The visitors were also briefed on education space expansion.  
A draft report on the visit will be sent to the deans to review within a few weeks, followed by a final report in June. |        |
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| Match Day Report - Dr. Neil Parker | Nationally, students did extremely well, as 94 percent of US seniors matched, 85% got one received one of their top three choices. There was a slight increase in Family Medicine matches for the first time in three years, following several years of continual down-slope. 98 percent of positions in Internal Medicine were filled.  

Out of 171 medical seniors, including students from UCLA, Riverside and the Drew Medical Science training program, 76 percent of the students received one of their top three choices while 68 percent got their first choice. Seventy-five percent will be staying in Los Angeles and 3 percent are staying at a UCLA-affiliated program.  

Primary care, which includes internal medicine, family medicine and pediatrics, was the most popular specialty choice. Fifty-four percent of UCLA students matched to a primary care specialty.  

For the third consecutive year, more than half of the graduating U.S. medical school seniors have matched to one of the generalist (also known as primary care) specialties for at least their first year of residency.  

Overall, the rate of U.S. medical graduates entering generalist specialties has been increasing since 1991. | Informational |
| USMLE Report – Dr. Neil Parker | Dr. Parker presented data which showed clear improvement in the low scores, with scores remaining relatively the same in medium and high categories. Dr. Kranse noted that UCLA’s mean being higher than the national mean causes a “ceiling effect” and does not allow as much potential for median scores to go up. | Informational |