Members Present
Dr. Greg Brent, Dr. Daphne Calmes, Harry Ching, Dr. Thomas Drake (Co-Chair), Cameron Escovedo, Amanda Freed, Dr. Jonathan Hiatt (Co-Chair), Dr. Michael Lazarus, Liv Leuthold, Dr. Catia Sternini, Dr. Jan Tillisch, Lauren Wolchok, Sarah Young

Guests
Joyce Fried, Dr. Neil Parker, Dr. Larry Feldman, Dr. Matt Leibowitz, Dr. Jason Napolitano, Dr. Michael Sopher, Dr. Margaret Stuber

Staff
Margaret Govea, Gezelle Miller, Zachary Terrell

1. Announcements
The Award for Excellence ceremony will be held on Monday, May 23rd on the CHS Plaza. Dr. Lee Miller will receive his second award for accomplishments in global health.

Ms. Joyce Fried announced the upcoming LCME visit to the David Geffen School of Medicine, scheduled for February 2012.

2. Presentation: Foundations of Medicine II (Block 6) Update – Drs. Larry Feldman and Matt Leibowitz

- 6 weeks bugs + 2 weeks HemeOnc + 1 week Derm
- 9 week block
- Overlap w/ Block 1: immunology + dermatology
- In Block 6, discuss infectious disease from pathology perspective
- Dr. Feldman feels Block 6 organized well: provides excellent review from block 1 (3.5 lectures)
- Block 6 now has dermatology (previously in Block 7)
  - Dr. Leibowitz feels fits well in Block 7 and apply dermatology throughout block rather than just allotting one week solely to dermatology.
  - Using DDx helps in providing explorative manner of becoming familiar with dermatology.
- “Pathogen based approach to immunologic diseases”
- Ideas to approach immunologists and infectious disease specialists correlate with system based approach in Block 9
- Perhaps infectious disease thread or oncology thread person to review throughout the blocks and see the unification or disparities within the blocks
Discussion: Liv Leuthold said it would be interesting to know the thought process of the Block Chairs (pathogen approach). Dr. Leibowitz suggested using PBL to integrate the bugs and systems. Student representatives said the ARS lectures were excellent.

3. Presentation: Cardiovascular, Renal, & Respiratory Medicine II (Block 9) Update – Drs. Jason Napolitano and Michael Sopher

- 8 week block
- Clinically oriented and organized
- Clinicians give most lectures
- Challenge to retain students attention while studying for Step 1 Boards
- Labs: Clinical Reasoning, Renal Indices, Renal Pathology, Arrhythmia, Pharmacology
- Changes
  - New Cardiac Auscultation, Echocardiography Lab
  - Pericardial and Infiltrative Diseases
  - PBL format
    - 3 roles: attending, on rotation medical student, patient explainer
    - Journal article
    - “Best Bet”
  - Elena Stark
    - Students wanted additional anatomy lab
    - Optional lab of cardio-pulmonary-renal systems
    - Still have the lab, but make them optional
  - Unsure how combine genetics + heart disease for next year
  - Lecture about women and heart disease next year
  - Modify cardiac arrhythmia

Discussion: Students are having difficulty in consistency when presenting to the clinician. Some students present in Doctoring and others present in PBL. Preparing students to speak to the attending and families is the goal. Blocks 6 and 7 are interested in implementing in PBL.

Recommendation: Dr. Parker recommended charging HB&D to help improve student presentation skills.

4. Clinical Education Task Force – Dr. Margaret Stuber

Evaluating the clinical years: 2 main goals
- Faculty quality
- Role of students

No continuity or ownership with team was identified as a problem. Establishing a teaching academy for faculty was recommended to address the issue. This recommendation was approved by Dean Washington.
The task force recommended opening time in the third year for electives. The way to achieve this goal was controversial. Suggestions included:

- Taking time out of fourth year
- Shortening required clerkships in third year and put into fourth year?
- Shortening medicine or surgery (longest duration)
- Providing elective time in the middle of 3rd year

Discussion: Dr. Parker noted that other schools have 1.5 pre-clinical years, and Surgery is offered as Surgery 1 (3rd year) and Surgery 2 (4th year). He said the continuity exposure would not change, but students need more exposure to additional specialties. He recommended further exploration.

Recommendation: The MEC is willing to charge another committee with exploring the options for elections. The issue will be forwarded to the Faculty Executive Committee.

5. CDU Update – Dr. Daphne Calmes

- David Carlisle was announced as the new president of Charles Drew University

6. April Minutes – The April minutes were reviewed and approved.