

Foundations Committee Minutes

Date	September 29, 2020
Time	9:00 – 10:30AM
Location & Zoom Info	Zoom
Co-Chairs	<i>Edith Wang</i>
Attendees	Executive Chair: <i>Edith Wang</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUORUM REACHED (> 50%: 9; > 60%: 11)	Voting Members: <i>Cindy Knall, Mark Whipple, Bruce Silverstein, Alyssa Stephenson-Famy, Karen McDonough, Rebekah Burns, Bill Harris</i>
	Guests: <i>Bill Sayres, Kellie Engle, Nick Cheung, Kelley Goetz, Chris Hague, Doug Schaad, John Willford, Meghan Kiefer, Kathy Young, Esther Chung, Maggie Tarnawa, Jaime Fitch</i>
Regrets	Voting members: <i>Amanda Kost, Matt Cunningham, Craig McGowan, Catrin Pittack, George Hodges, Sree Nair, Cierra Dauenhauer, Ruxandra Ionescu, Isabella Covelli</i>

Agenda

	ITEM	LEAD	TIME	ATTACHMENTS	ACTION
1	August minutes	Edith Wang	5 min	Attachment A	Decision
2	Foundations 2022 Update	Edith Wang	30 min		Discussion

Next Meeting: October 26, 2020

1. Approval of August Minutes		
Discussion: The committee voted to approve the August meeting minutes.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DECISION REQUIRED?	[11] VOTES FOR	[0] VOTES AGAINST
Decision: The committee approved the August meeting minutes.		

2. Foundations 2022 Update
<p>Discussion: The committee reviewed eight guiding principles put forth by the Foundations Data Workgroup and input was provided by Dr. Allen. Drs. Meghan Kiefer, Edith Wang, and Michael Ryan have built a framework with uniformity for the end of each term including an integration week. The next iteration of the Foundations Workgroup will fill in detailed content. Now UWSOM is looking at other curricula and how many hours are spent on each block.</p> <p>If we go to a summer start originally, we need curriculum documents in the region in June and now we need documents even earlier. Alaska will check and send paperwork.</p> <p>Will this mean earlier tuition in the region? Dr Allen is working on this. It is important for comprehensive WWAMI participation in the decisions and discussion process regarding whether it is online teaching in summer or in person.</p> <p>Other questions that arise include what the evaluation between January to March of the second year is and why can't we put content in that section? Why can't we put that extra content in spring of the second year? Committee members would love to see evaluations of the Transition to Clerkship period and Capstone broken out by regional site.</p> <p>What students want during this period is no class and Step 1 review. Currently, we are asking students for 3 weeks of engagement during this time frame. There are limitations for what students are willing to accept since 9 of those weeks have no course content, as those weeks are set aside to study for Step 1 and get ready for clerkships and we do have students who are delaying Step 1 and need more time for study.</p> <p>What was basis for not moving Step 1? No absolute decision is made. A new direction for USMLE was the announcement that Step 1 is going to Pass/Fail and then Step 2 is the gateway exam for residency.</p> <p>Students also want to take the exam closer to when they study. The workgroup made recommendations based on a past consensus and now there is a new direction with Pass/Fail. There are considerations for students who are asking to take the exam Pass/Fail after clerkships such as residency competitiveness and other schools who still have grades.</p> <p>A meeting with Dr. Allen and students about Step 1 and request to waive requirement for Step 1 to after clerkships for E19 students is occurring the week of September 29 and a decision will go to Curriculum Committee.</p> <p>If curriculum starts in summer, would academic learning specialists be available in summer? Regional contracts would need to be renegotiated for academic learning. Counselors would need a larger discussion</p>

since those individuals' availabilities are outside our control. Faculty have other academic pursuits and that would be a big lift and anatomy labs would be a choke point.

What is the timeline? A workgroup for content is moving forward in October.

Action: Dr. Wang will be reaching out to regional deans for input on Foundations changes.

Adjourn: 5:30 PM PST