

Program Evaluation and Assessment Committee (PEAC) Minutes

Date December 17, 2020

Time 3:30 – 5:00 PM PST

Attendees **Chair:** Matt Cunningham
Voting members: Michael Campion, Mark Whipple, Sara Kim, Edith Wang, Pete Fuerst, Martin Teintze, Zak Yaffe, Anita Samuel
Guests: Lida Lin, Signe Burchim, Cory Lumsdaine, Marilyn Cope, Jessica Wheeler, Pam Nagasawa, Kellie Engle, Jaime Fitch, Meg-Ann Whitney-Miller

Regrets **Voting members:** Karen McDonough, Amanda Kost, Shobha Stack, Frank Batcha, Massoud Saleki, Cody Hansen,

AGENDA

	ITEM	LEAD	TIME	ATTACHMENT	ACTION
1	Approve November minutes	Matt Cunningham	5 min	Yes	Decision
2	New student member – Anita Samuel	Matt Cunningham	5 min	No	Announcement
4	Policy for clerkship exam failures	Matt Cunningham	60 min	Yes	Discussion

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2020 9:30AM

1. Approve November minutes

Decision: Quorum achieved - minutes approved

Action: none

2. New student member – Anita Samuel

Announcement: Welcome!

Decision: none

Action: none

3. Policy for clerkship exam failures

Discussion: Patient Care and Explore and Focus have established a workgroup (which includes several clerkship directors) to explore solutions for this issue. This group will make a recommendation to be voted on by the Curriculum Committee. As the PEAC representative to the workgroup, Matt is asking committee members for their feedback on this policy.

- Under the existing policy, a student's final clerkship grade is based on a combination of a clinical evaluation grade and a final exam grade. If a student fails the final exam they are required to re-take the entire clerkship.
- Matt presents NBME clerkship subject exam survey that shows this policy measure up with other schools nationwide.
- Matt presents 2 *“philosophical questions”*:
 - *Should there be a minimum performance standard for clerkship exams?*
 - Members question if the minimum standard would be the same across all clerkships?
 - *If YES to the above, what is the appropriate consequence for failing a clerkship exam?*
- Of the students who receive an overall failing grade in a clerkship, the majority have failed due to the exam rather than failing clinical skills.
- PEAC members agree that a student having to retake an entire clerkship due to failure of the exam is not the best practice – especially if they have achieved a high clinical score
- Matt presents *“possible options for students who fail clerkship exam”*
 - *Establish 2 separate courses: one for clinical component, one or exam*
 - *Total grade is weighted combination of clinical score and exam score (e.g., 75% clinical grade, 25% exam grade)*
 - *Change exam timing to allow time to retake exam if needed before end of clerkship*
 - *Students who fail the exam receive a special grade (e.g., marginal pass) and take a separate course for exam remediation*
- PEAC Committee members express a preference for option 2 above, even in the absence of a minimum performance standard on the exam.
- Matt will take the committee's feedback and recommendation to the workgroup meeting this evening

Decision: none

Action: none