

SUNY-DOWNSTATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Curriculum Renewal Steering Committee
Minutes

April 9, 2009

Present: P. Sass, F. Volkert, K. Williams, S. Friedman, S. Landesman, M. Feuerman, J. Libien, M. Augenbraun, A. Marks, K. White, and A. Burns

Dr. Sass opened the meeting with discussions of suggested agenda for the integration meetings.

- The large group – introduction and welcome.
- The key goal is discussing integration, what the challenge is, the dynamics around integration and what are going to be the issues.
- Setup 2 groups with 3 students and 3 faculty members in each group.
- Steering Committee to facilitate 2 small groups, supported by Kathy and Annie.
- Elect a spokes person for each group. Dr. Pamela Sass – Group 1 and Dr. Keith Williams – Group 2.
- Topic 1: How might you bring clinical medicine earlier into the curriculum to enhance the relevance of basic science, provide an explicit link with the science, underlying clinical medicine and reinforce the understanding that medicine is about caring for people?
- Topic 2: How might you integrate basic science teaching into the clinical years in order to deepen the scientific understanding of medicine and solidify the scientific foundations of clinical medicine?
- After approximately 1 hour the two small groups come together to form one large group. The spoke person from each group will give a short report followed by discussion of similarities, differences and key insights among the groups.
- Templates and handouts will be given out.

Integrated Curriculum

The 3rd year has been tampered with in various schools in various ways. The idea that the 3rd year will be a series of departmentally based clerkships is no longer universal. Things that happened in the 3rd year are integrated clerkships and trans-clerkships continua.

Many of the blocked based curricula contain anatomy or anatomy plus physiology light early on in the curriculum. This is called the human structuring function. Some times it is the first block and sometimes it is somewhere in the first semester.

The meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting is to be announced