

**Minutes of the meeting of Committee on Educational Policy and Curriculum**  
**SUNY Downstate College of Medicine**  
**June 28, 2012**  
**Seminar Room 2-1**

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**Present:** L. Eisner, J. Libien, M. Erogul, J. Libien, S. Ostrow, R. Ovitsh, B. Trauner, S. Hrabetova, S. Hahn, J. Odackal, J. Lampert, M. Nowakowski, P. Sass, S. Gottesman

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Fred Volkert, Unit 3 Director

Minutes from the May meeting were approved with revisions.

**Progress Report on Unit 3 in the New Curriculum**

Dr. Volkert presented a PowerPoint presentation of the organizational structure of Foundations Unit 3. Unit 3 would start in early December and end in early March. It will last 12 weeks divided between 5 sub-units with one week of assessment. Dr. Volkert described the unit structure and content. Dr. Volkert presented a draft of a calendar for the unit. The unit 3 core leadership team meets regularly to discuss concerns. Currently the team has developed 300 learning objectives and is working on more. The team will bring in more faculty members to begin preparation of the specific lectures, labs and other learning materials. Discussion focused on points of information.

**MS3 Core Clinical Two-Week Electives**

Twenty two new electives are available for students to register. Higher-level performance learning objectives have already been added to 13 of these 22. One course director refused to add higher level learning objectives (Pediatric Infections) due to lack of staff. One course director opted not to offer a two week elective (Rheumatology). Starting with the Class of 2014, all two-week electives are Pass/Fail. The maximum number of electives a student can take in one specialty is 10. It has not been determined whether the two-week elective will count towards the 20-weeks of credit that is required for graduation.

Discussion was postponed on John Lewis's proposal for lecture notes in the new curriculum.