

## ULM COP Curriculum Committee

Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

12:00 PM

| Present: Ron Hill, Michelle Zagar, Roxie Stewart, Jeff Evans, Tara Jenkins, Benny Blaylock, Justin Sherman, Sami Nazzal, Courtney Brown, Ronda Akins, Girish Shah, Brice Labruzzo, Lesa Lawrence, Michael Cockerham, Laurel Andrews

| Absent:  
Guests: Mary Caldwell

Call to Order 12:00 P.M. by Jeff Evans

Adjourned: 1:54 P.M. by Jeff Evans

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Boot Camp Preparation, cont	<p>Dr. Evans welcomed Mrs. Caldwell to the meeting and provided an outline as to what the goals of the discussion were. This is still an early planning meeting regarding this important event.</p> <p>Dr. Evans presented his thoughts on what to include at bootcamp including starting lectures from the classes of the first semester.</p> <p>Drs. Blaylock and Andrews both raised concerns regarding starting ‘real’ classed prior to the beginning of the semester. Mrs. Caldwell expressed a desire to have one professor give a lecture everyday with a ‘mock’ test at the end of the week to show the students the level at which they are expected to perform.</p> <p>Other thoughts presented and generally supported by the committee include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including all of the orientation materials from last week. Goal of covering the majority of it earlier in the week than later.</li> <li>• Including group activities in the afternoon to better orient the students to working in groups</li> <li>• Allocate some time for the students to meet with the faculty (social time)</li> <li>• Maintain the white coat ceremony at the end of the week as a you graduated from bootcamp time</li> <li>• Provide specific review sections over subjects that larger numbers of students were found to be lacking.</li> </ul> <p>The committee was concerned about the following:</p>	<p><b>Dr. Evans will place the topic on the next available agenda to further develop.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Evans will seek advice from the Dean’s Council on whom should be coordinating the event.</b></p>

<p>II. Mission, Planning, and Assessment Committee update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If bootcamp is during the week before classes, this is traditionally the time for the faculty retreat along with TLRC sessions. Thus, faculty involvement in bootcamp may decrease faculty development or attendance in the retreat.</li> <li>• Who would be coordinating this event.</li> </ul> <p><i>The committee agreed to revisit the planning of this event at the next meeting. The committee thanks Mrs. Caldwell for her assistance and willingness to help the committee.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Evans reported that the 2009 curriculum had been approved by the University Curriculum Committee.</i></p> <p>State of the committee Updates</p> <p>Dr. Evans presented the following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sherman has been moved to an ex officio from a committee member due to his change in title within the college</li> <li>• Dr. Leader has been removed as an ex officio from the committee due to his change within the college.</li> <li>• Dean Leader approved both of these changes</li> <li>• The committee voted to move meetings to Tuesdays. Dr, Evans decided the third Tuesday of the month would be the one. This meeting is being held on Thursday to allow Mrs. Caldwell to attend.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dr. Evans will provide an update at the next meeting of all curriculum committee business.</b></p>
<p>III. Mission, Planning, and Assessment committee Update</p>	<p>Dr. Stewart provided a recap of the last Mission, Planning, and Assessment Committee meeting. Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NABP pass rates</li> <li>• Third year students will again be taking the OSPA along with other COP students.</li> </ul> <p>Additional information can be found in the minutes to the MPA committee for February.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Stewart will provide an update in the April meeting.</b></p>
<p>IV. Curriculum Content Review</p>	<p>Dr. Evans introduced the topic and informed the committee that they had</p>	<p><b>The sub-committees will work</b></p>



<p>VI. Four Year Undergrad Pharmacy Degree</p>	<p>impact the students learning.</p> <p>The elective review subcommittee did not make a recommendation to approve or disapprove the course, they recommended that they should be allowed to work with the course coordinator to address the concerns of the committee.</p> <p>Dr. Evans stressed the need to make a decision on the class soon so it could be presented to the students for this fall if the committee approved it. Dr. Evans suggested an electronic voting plan to allow for the committee to make a decision on the course.</p> <p>The committee agreed to <i>hold an electronic vote regarding the course and then forward those results to the administration.</i></p> <p>Dr. Evans introduced a request from Dean Leader regarding initial consideration and thoughts about introducing a four year undergrad pharmacy degree</p> <p>Dr. Evans introduced the following background information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dean and Provost discussed the possibility of having a four year undergrad program</li> <li>• This would help increase the number of students graduating within six years of starting ULM (as current pharmacy students require sevens years before their Doctor of Pharmacy.</li> <li>• This would be awarded after their first year.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion from the committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real world benefit to the students.</li> <li>• How do other Colleges that have similar programs handle them</li> <li>• What about transfer students, would they be eligible.</li> <li>• How would the University Capstone requirement be handled in this situation.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Evans thanked the committee for their input and will forward their comments to the administration. Dr. Evans will review and provide data regarding curricula and names of the degrees from other Colleges.</p>	<p><b>Evans and Zagar will coordinate the electronic voting for the committee.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Evans will forward the information from the committee to the administration. Dr. Evans will look to see how other Colleges use the degree.</b></p>
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<p>VII. Introduction to Pharmacy Course</p>	<p>Dr. Evans forwarded a request from the Dean on how to handle this class in lieu of the fact that Dr. Adams has left the College.</p> <p>Dr. Evans sought input from the committee regarding if the committee had a recommendation as to who to teach the class.</p> <p>The committee recommended that <i>a CAS member who is a pharmacist should coordinate the course. The committee would prefer someone with years of experience and external contacts to coordinate the course.</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. Evans will forward the recommendation to the administration. Dr. Evans will notify Dr. Jastram of the need for a new coordinator and forward copies of the developed syllabus.</b></p>
<p>VIII. Questions and Comments</p>	<p>Dr. Evans asked the committee if they had any questions or comments.</p> <p>Dr. Evans reported a question from a faculty member that he felt the curriculum committee could make a recommendation in regards to.</p> <p>The clinical pharmacokinetics course is dual listed as a professional and graduate course though no graduate students have taken the class in the last two years. Dr. Nazzal mentioned that he use to require his students to take the class, but since the focus is on clinical and not the basic science side, he stated that he is not requiring his students to take the course.</p> <p>The committee recommended <i>to reconsider the dual listing of the course as it would put more work on a faculty member to create work for graduate students to take the course, even though no graduate students are currently taking the course.</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. Evans will forward the recommendation to the administration.</b></p>