MINUTES
MEC MEETING
12:00pm Volker Hall 302
Tuesday – May 17, 2011

Members in Attendance: Chair- Kevin Leon, MD; Vice Chair- Cathy Fuller, PhD; Drs. Hughes Evans, Cathy Fuller, Shawn Galin, Craig Hoesley, Christine Ritchie, Terry Shaneyfelt, and Mike Belue; Brian May, MS-1; Patrick McCabe, MS-1; Suzanne McCluskey, MS-3. Huntsville: (by videoconference): Lanita Carter, PhD; Parekha Yedla, MD Tuscaloosa: Drs. Ashley Evans, Scott Arnold, Dan Avery, James Leeper, and Heather Taylor.

OLD BUSINESS:
The MS/Skin module proposal was rejected. The module will remain the same. Dr. Hoesley met with course directors to work on decompressing the module. One suggestion is to reduce number of exams. Some areas that are addressed in other areas in the curriculum may be archived in a web-based format for students to review which will free up time during the module. Some of the small group activities could be merged to where multiple content areas can be taken care of in a single small group activity rather than two weeks. The focus is to decompress the modules while keeping them together.

PRECLINICAL COMMITTEE:
Pulmonary, GI, and Renal will be evaluated in the fall. ICM review will be presented soon.

ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE:
EBM data of what is being taught and where it will be taught is to be reviewed by the MEC.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:
The first residency prep course elective was done in April and was successful. May 1, 2011 integration across the three campuses began. E-Value will be sent out at the end of each block.

NEW BUSINESS:
Dr. Hoesley introduced a new proposal to offer a co-enrolled elective course for the fall to help students meet fourth year requirements. The elective course would be laid out in a semester based fashion occurring biweekly August – December /January - May. The courses would be Health Systems and Medical Spanish. The course objectives, activities and assessment process would be outlined by the course director. The course may be extended to the other campuses through a technology based program. The proposal details and MEC votes will be communicated by email.

Next MEC Meeting July 19, 2011