

April 14, 2021



Dear Colleague,

I write to ask you to serve on a working group tasked with developing optimal approaches to the challenges and opportunities offered by the Foundations 2022 curriculum update. These require the representation and expertise of our regional community of faculty, staff, and students to be successful. As individuals who have already contributed to the process thus far, we thank you for your work and ask that you consider joining us going forward in developing principles and implementation strategies for 2022.

Some of the topics which we expect this working group to discuss and offer recommendations:

1. Thread representation in courses
2. Integration week structure and objectives
3. Foundations of Medical Science & Research (summer 1) course
4. Approach to course materials
5. Approach to course delivery

Because the recommendations of this workgroup will help guide faculty creation of new courses, a progress report is due June 7 to curriculum committee. We anticipate that this group will meet twice monthly prior to the June Foundations retreat; during the summer months, the group will meet on a reduced schedule. This group is large both to ensure robust representation, to allow for smaller group problem-solving, and to acknowledge the scheduling constraints which mean that not all members may be able to attend each session. Edith Wang, PhD, and Meghan Kiefer, MD, MPH have agreed to chair the group.

Please let me know by Friday, April 16, 2021, if you are willing to serve on this important group.

Sincerely,

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