

## Patient Care Committee Minutes

<b>Date</b>	March 14, 2022
<b>Time</b>	4:00 – 5:30PM
<b>Patient Care Co-Chairs</b>	<i>Kristine Calhoun</i>
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Academic Chair:</b> <i>Kristine Calhoun</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUORUM REACHED: 12	<b>Voting Members:</b> <i>Abena Knight, David Horn, Devin Sawyer, Evan Johnson, Jenny Wright, John McCarthy, Jordan Schroeder, MaKenna Stavins, Matt Cunningham, Paul Borghesani, Toby Keys, Wesley Steeb</i> <b>Guests:</b> <i>Eric Kraus, Doug Paauw, Barb Doty, Geoff Jones, Bekah Burns, Carmelita Mason-Richardson, Esther Chung, Gina Franco, Jordan Symons, Julie Bould, Jung Lee, Karla Kelly, Kelley Goetz, Kristen Seiler, Laura Yale, Margie Trenary, Sara Fear, Sarah Wood, Doug Schaad, Sonya Fukeda, Sylvia Zavatchen, Vicki Mendiratta, May Keyes</i>
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Voting members:</b> <i>Leslee Kane, Mike Spinelli, Paula Silha, Serena Brewer</i>

## Agenda

	ITEM	LEAD	TIME	ATTACHMENTS	ACTION
1	Announcement: Curriculum Committee votes on PEAC grading recommendations	Kris Calhoun / Matt Cunningham	5 min	Attachment A	Announcement
2	2022-2023 clerkship year: Set a uniform standard for passing final exams	Kris Calhoun / Matt Cunningham	40 min		Discussion / Decision
3	Annual Clerkship Reviews / Approve changes for 2022-2023 clerkship year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pediatrics</li> <li>• Internal Medicine</li> <li>• Family Medicine</li> <li>• Psychiatry</li> <li>• Surgery</li> <li>• OBGYN</li> </ul>	Kris Calhoun / Jordan Symon / Doug Paauw / Vicki Mendiratta / Misbah Keen / Paul Borghesani	45 min	Attachments B – J	Discussion / Decision

1. Announcement

**Discussion:** At the March 7<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Committee meeting, the committee reviewed the Patient Care Committee’s feedback on PEAC’s recommendations for the standardization of required clerkship grading and discussed at length. Curriculum committee approved the following:

1. UWSOM should explore making broad changes to clerkship grading, centering equity and transparency.
2. Departments should adopt a percentage weighting system for combining clinical evaluations and final exam scores into a final grade.
  - *AMENDMENT:* for the E-21 class.
  - *SECOND AMENDMENT:* starting with the 2023-2024 clerkship year.
3. The final exam weight can be different by department and the cap should be set by the Patient Care Committee (for implementation starting with the 2023-2024 clerkship year).
4. UWSOM should set a uniform standard for passing final exams, based on national percentile. This standard should be set by the Patient Care Committee
5. UWSOM should discontinue the use of final exam performance thresholds that students must meet in order to get a final grade of Honors.
  - *AMENDMENT:* Implement starting with the 2023-2024 clerkship year.

2. Set a uniform standard for passing final exams

**Discussion:** The Patient Care Committee discussed item #4 approved by the Curriculum Committee – “UWSOM should set a uniform standard for passing final exams, based on national percentile. This standard should be set by the Patient Care Committee.” To inform this discussion, the committee reviewed the following data:

- Exam fail data for each required clerkships for the 2021-2022 clerkship year. This was the first year under the changed UWSOM policy, which makes it possible to fail the exam and still pass the clerkship. For the 2021-2022 clerkship year, there were roughly twice as many fails as last year.
- Current passing thresholds for each required clerkships’ NBME final exam, as both a raw score and percentile.

Committee members pointed out that while passing the exam has been de-coupled from passing the clerkship, we still need to emphasize that passing clerkship exams is important and students should prioritize studying and performing well. The general consensus was that the third percentile is appropriate.

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**Decision:** The Patient Care committee approved setting a passing threshold of the third percentile.

3. Annual Clerkship Reviews / Approve changes for 2022-2023 clerkship year

**Discussion:** The six required Patient Care Phase clerkships presented changes for the upcoming 2022-2023 clerkship year. See meeting handouts for details.

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**Decision:** The Patient Care committee approved Pediatrics’ clerkship changes for the 2022-2023 clerkship year.

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<b>Decision:</b> The Patient Care committee approved Internal Medicine’s clerkship changes for the 2022-2023 clerkship year.		
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<b>Decision:</b> The Patient Care committee approved Family Medicine’s clerkship changes for the 2022-2023 clerkship year.		
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<b>Decision:</b> The Patient Care committee approved Psychiatry’s clerkship changes for the 2022-2023 clerkship year.		
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<b>Decision:</b> The Patient Care committee approved Surgery’s clerkship changes for the 2022-2023 clerkship year.		
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<b>Decision:</b> The Patient Care committee approved OBGYN’s clerkship changes for the 2022-2023 clerkship year.		

4. Open Discussion
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Clerkship directors commented on the recent increase in the volume of grade appeals and challenges. <b>ACTION:</b> A request was made for the Patient Care Committee to discuss grade appeals and challenges at a future meeting. The discussion should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data and a potential presentation from the UW School of Medicine Grade Appeal Committee.</li> <li>• Information on clerkship administrators’ time commitment for processing grade appeals.</li> <li>• How does the increase in appeals impact grade inflation and preceptor retention?</li> </ul>