

Program Evaluation and Assessment Committee (PEAC) Minutes

Date Tuesday January 18, 2022

Time 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM PST

Attendees **Chair:** Matt Cunningham
Voting members: Frank Batcha, Bekah Burns, Michael Campion, Pete Fuerst, Toby Keys, Kathleen Kieran, Karen McDonough, Elizabeth Stein, Edith Wang, Zak Yaffe, Holly Winn
Guests: Lida Lin, Kelley Goetz, Doug Schaad, Signe Burchim, Heather McPhillips, Kellie Engle, Jaime Fitch, Jordan Kinder

Regrets **Voting members:** Sara Kim, Amanda Kost, Anita Samuel, Martin Teintze, Mark Whipple

AGENDA

	ITEM	LEAD	TIME	ATTACHMENT	ACTION
1	Approve past minutes	Matt Cunningham	5 min	Yes	Decision
2	Clerkship Grading Project	Matt Cunningham	85 min	Yes	Discussion

Next meeting: Thursday, Feb 10, 2022 3:30 PM PST

1. Approve November & December minutes

Decision: Quorum met – November & December minutes approved

Action: none

2. Clerkship Grading Project (0:04:00)

Discussion: Matt presents document which includes 4 written recommendations based on discussions from previous PEAC meetings on Clerkship Grading.

- Matt asks for a motion to discuss and consider each of the following recommendations
 - All 4 recommendations will be presented together, first, to the Curriculum Committee, then to the Patient Care and Explore and Focus committees. Based on review and approval process these recommendations could potentially be implemented for the start of this clinical year.
 - The timeline is tight - directors would need at least a month for implementation, so the committees would need to work quickly to review and approve
 - Motion to review and discuss
- **Recommendation 1: (0:15:30)**
 - *“Departments should adopt a percentage weighting system for combining clinical evaluations and final exam scores...”*
 - Psychiatry currently uses this system
 - Does the final grade have to be weighted into this equation?
 - Should there be a maximum and/or minimum percentage for how much the final exam can count towards the final grade?
 - Graduation requirements would still mandate having to pass the final exam
 - The implications of this change would be to eliminate the wide variability across all clerkships but there would still be some flexibility
 - Should there be a specific percentage for the minimum/maximum of the final exam?
 - Implementing a range is suggested
 - Matt asks voting members to provide a suggested cap
 - Based on responses Matt updates the recommendation to cap the weight of the final exam at 15%
 - Matt asks for a vote – **recommendation passes 8-1**
 - How can we make sure we are assessing student growth equitably and transparently?
 - Is this a stepping stone for more changes in the future?
- **Recommendation 2: (0:45:00)**
 - *“UWSOM should set a uniform standard for passing final exams, based on national percentile...”*
 - Matt shares document with NBME score data from 2020-21 academic year
 - Should PEAC committee suggest a number value or leave the decision to Patient Care committee?
 - Clerkship directors should have some say in this decision

- Matt asks members to provide a suggested cap – majority of responses are in favor of removing the suggested of a cap
 - Matt asks for a vote – **recommendation passes 10-0**
- **Recommendation 3: (0:55:40)**
 - “UWSOM should discontinue the use of final exam performance thresholds...”
 - Existing system results in URM students consistently seeing their clinical grades reduced based on impact of exam grades
 - Matt asks for a vote – **recommendation passes 11-0**
- **Recommendation 4: (1:00:15)**
 - “UWSOM should explore changing to Pass/Fail grading for required clerkships.”
 - Should this recommendation be adjusted to consider the whole system rather than focusing solely on the pass/fail issue?
 - Matt updates the recommendation based on member feedback
 - Matt asks for a vote – **recommendation passes 10-0**

Decision: none

Action: