

EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES COMMITTEE MEETING

December 05, 2007

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Drs. Abbott, Cattani, Liller, Perrin, Mlynarek, and Sanchez-Anguiano

Ad hoc members: M. Sebti, B. Kennedy

Prepared by Barbara Kennedy

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. August 16, 2007 meeting minutes approved as submitted.
2. Results for the Fall 2007 Core Comprehensive Exam (Exam) were reviewed.
3. Changes in the College's approach to posting Exam review materials on the web did not appear to have a positive impact on the results of the Exam scores. It was noted that the College no longer refers to these materials on the website as "review" materials – they are called "Information to Assist in Preparation for the Core Exam". Despite changes in the College's approach to posting materials to assist in preparation for the Core Exam, students continue to complain about the lack of, or what they consider, inadequate "review" materials. The committee consensus was that graduate students should be responsible for learning the material presented in their courses.

Decision: For the next Exam (March 21, 2008), all review materials will be removed from the web. Only the syllabus will be posted for each Core Course. Syllabus dates will be removed. Contact names for each section will continue to be posted. Exception: Dr. Mortimer's Biostatistics course will be posted on the web approximately five (5) weeks prior to the Comp Exam.

4. Students' Exam evaluations continue to defy trending; i.e., some give good evaluations, some give poor evaluations, some make reasonable suggestions for improvement; and some make unreasonable suggestions for improvement.
5. The Capstone course is now an official College course having been approved by the College's Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee and the Graduate School Committees. Discussion centered on whether to make the course mandatory or an elective.

Decision: Dr. Liller will present the question to the Department Chairs at the next Executive Committee meeting for their consideration.

There was no new business.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the EPB conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.