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**QUILLEN  
COLLEGE of MEDICINE**

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**

**The Medical Student Education Committee of the Quillen College of Medicine met for a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2020 via a ZOOM call.**

**Attendance**

**Faculty Members**

**Ivy Click, EdD, Chair  
Caroline Abercrombie, MD  
Martha Bird, MD  
Russ Hayman, PhD  
Jon Jones, MD  
Paul Monaco, PhD  
Jason Moore, MD  
Mark Ransom, MD  
Mitch Robinson, MD  
Anthony Rusinol, PhD  
Rob Schoborg, PhD**

**Student Members**

**Hunter Bratton, M4**

**Ex Officio Voting Members**

**Theresa Lura, MD  
Joe Florence, MD  
Rachel Walden, MLIS**

**Ex Officio Non-Voting Member**

**Kenneth Olive, MD, EAD**

**Guests**

**Teresa Jenkins, Clerkship Coordinator,  
Psychiatry  
Jessica Murphy, MD Assistant Clerkship,  
Director OB-Gyn  
Blair Reece, MD Clerkship Director,  
Internal Medicine**

**Academic Affairs Staff**

**Lorena Burton, CAP  
Skylar Moore, BSPH  
Cathy Peeples, MPH  
Aneida Skeens, BSIS, CAP-OM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Discussion/Approve: Clerkship Clinical Weeks**

Dr. Click opened the ZOOM meeting at 5:00 p.m. by asking everyone on the call to introduce themselves to the newest Academic Affairs staff and MSEC support, Aneida Skeens has replaced Lorena Burton who has retired and is currently working on a temporary basis, training Aneida.

Dr. Olive presented a proposed plan for the last period clerkship rotation in AY 2019-2020. Students will complete two (2) weeks online didactics, followed by two (2) to four (4) weeks of clinical experience during the third year.

The students' clinical weeks will be completed in the M4 year. There would be no NBME Subject exams given for the last period clerkship rotations.

Dr. Olive asked each of the clerkship directors to speak to their requests for the number of clinical weeks to be completed by each student in the last period clerkship rotation for AY 2019-2020.

#### Requested Clinical Weeks

FM – 2 weeks	Psych - 4 weeks
IM – 4 weeks	Surg -2-3 weeks
OB/GYN – 2 weeks	Comm Med – complete experiences as opposed to specific number of clinical weeks
Peds – 4 weeks	

Dr. Moore - Family Medicine – trying to be practical with the time available. Two weeks will work.

Dr. Reece - Internal Medicine – wanted four (4) weeks to allow coverage at all locations, but seeing the other requests feel that two (2) weeks would work.

Dr. Ransom/Dr. Reece – OB-GYN – two (2) weeks is sufficient.

Dr. Gibson – Pediatrics – wanted four (4) weeks, but willing to offer two (2) weeks, but this is not preferred.

Dr. Bird – Psychiatry – two (2) weeks would work as long as the student evaluation scores and comments are considered to be part of the COVID-19 efforts to maintain rotations. Psychiatry is so different and there are so many sites to cover.

Dr. Browder - Surgery – Dr. Olive conveyed Dr. Browder's comments that ideally three (3) weeks is needed, but will manage with two (2) weeks.

Dr. Florence/Dr. Olive – Community Medicine - based on clinical experiences and there are efforts to identify experiences for the students to include occupational medicine, safety net experiences, ACLS, etc.

MSEC commented on the feedback from the clerkship directors to include:

- It would be easier to schedule if the rotations were all one length.
- The timing of the start of the M4 year will need to be considered.
- The rotations would be scheduled across the year (spread-out) and if the new AY clerkships begin later than planned (May 2020) there could be additional clinical rotations needed.
- AAMC is currently identifying mid-April 2020 as a possible return, but it could be June or July.
- The COM health partners (clinics, hospitals, etc.) continue to identify no student rotation as long as there are COVID-19 patients.
- The comfort level of COM administration with student rotations in the community needs to be considered.
- Scheduling the rotations in the M4 year will be a challenge with new classes – keeping in a 2-week or 4-week block is best. Senior students operate on a 2 or 4-week rotation basis – best to keep the same for M3 student scheduling.
- The student's Patient Log and the mid-Clerkship Review – how flexible are either ones of these if the students are limited to two (2) weeks of clinical rotations. It was suggested that the mid-Clerkship Review be performed after the 2-week didactics and that any of the required Patient Skills that can be done in simulation be identified as such.

- The Psychiatry evaluation and history and physical are going to be challenging to resident and attendings. Dr. Abercrombie felt this is the perfect type of simulation using Standardized Patients (Virtual OSCE).
- The upcoming LCME webinar may provide some insight to some of the questions/discussions.
- Student reactions to having NBME Subject exams waived - problems – no, every student will have a waived NBME. M3 student representatives were polled and felt this is a different time and requires different measures/actions.

The clerkship directors, after hearing from each other, and the MSEC discussion felt that 2 weeks would be sufficient for clinical rotation assignments.

Dr. Moore made a motion to have the **recently completed 6-week (Period 6-7) of the 2019-2020 rotations** graded as Pass/Fail with no numeric grade issued. The NBME and/or Aquifer subject exam is waived. Dr. Ransom seconded the motion. MSEC voted to accept the motion.

Dr. Moore made a motion to have the **final clerkship period rotations (Periods 6-8 and 8-6)** complete two weeks of on-line clerkship specific didactic sessions, followed by two weeks of scheduled clinical rotations in the M4 year. The students will receive a Pass/Fail grade, with no numeric grade issued, upon completion of the two weeks of clinical rotations in the M4 year. The NBME and/or Aquifer subject exams are waived for all clerkship students in the final clerkship period rotations for AY 2019-2020. Dr. Ransom seconded the motion. MSEC voted to accept the motion.

MSEC Discussion included:

- The naming of the clerkships impacted by the pandemic, i.e., COVID Impacted Clerkships.
- The beginning of the new AY 2020-2021 dates and possible shorten clerkships for the year.
- Possible dates the students may begin the new AY and the clinical setting will be dependent on the clinical rotations/locations we will have available to us. It will be a challenge to schedule.
- Scheduling STEP I is a challenge with the testing centers closed. Students may be beginning clerkships without having taken the STEP exam

Dr. Olive and Dr. Click thanked everyone for their extra efforts over a short period of time to keep this academic year moving forward.

The MSEC ZOOM meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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### MSEC Meeting Documents

MSEC Members have access to the meeting documents identified above through the shared OneDrive document storage option made available with their ETSU Email account and login.

**If you are unable to access the One Drive link or have not set up your OneDrive contact: Matthew Carroll, Instructional Design and Technology Manager at: [carrollmo@etsu.edu](mailto:carrollmo@etsu.edu). Telephone contact is: 423-439-2407.**

**MSEC Meeting Dates 2019-2020: \* NOT the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month**

April 21, 2020 - 3:30 - 6:00 pm – ZOOM Meeting

May 19, 2020 **Retreat** - 11:30 am – 5:00 pm – TBD

June 16, 2020 – 1:30 - 3:00 pm – TBD - June 16, 2020 – **Annual Meeting** 3:30-5:00 pm – TBD

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July 21, 2020 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

August 18 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

September 15 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

October 20 – **Retreat** – 11:30 am-5:00 pm - TBD

November 10 – 3:30-6:00 pm\* - TBD

December 15 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

January 19, 2021 **Retreat** – 11:30 am-5:00 pm - TBD

February 16 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

March 16 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

April 20 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

May 18 – 3:30-6:00 pm - TBD

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