

Academic Standards Committee Report to the Faculty Steering Committee January 19, 2017

Committee Name: Academic Standards Committee

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Meeting Frequency: Monthly (Second Tuesday)

What is the mission of your committee?

“The Academic Standards Committee (ASC) of IUSM is charged by the CCSC with implementing a systematic evaluation process for the curricular components (course and clerkships) of the medical education program to ensure adherence to IUSM Institutional Learning Objectives and curricular policy; comparability of instruction, assessment, and outcomes; and equivalency in grading.

ASC also hears Level 2 grade appeals, focusing on the policies and procedures used in the assignment of a grade. The decision of the ASC is sent to the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Student Education.”

What has your committee accomplished this year?

Over the last year, we have accomplished three main tasks.

The first was to revise our charge again, with the resulting new mission statement as detailed above. This was done because it was felt that the previous mission statement did not accurately reflect the role of the ASC in curriculum oversight. This revision was done in consultation with the CCSC, other committee chairs and the appropriate Deans.

The second task was to continue with this round of clerkship reviews. During 2016, we have successfully completed three clerkship reviews (Anesthesia, Radiology and Internal Medicine). In addition, we reviewed a course from the new curriculum, Transitions I. Once the full committee has heard the report and contributed to the final report and recommendations, the chairman and sub-committee chair met with each clerkship director to go over the findings, hear any clarifications, and discuss a path forward for the course/clerkship.

As mentioned in previous reports to the FSC, the ASC has been very focused on the foundations of each course and clerkship so that syllabi and objectives are standardized across campuses and syllabi consistently refer to school policies. Specifically, the focus is on ensuring that each

course or clerkship has a curriculum that meets the standards set forth by the LCME. Every part of each course/clerkship's review is tied to an LCME standard.

In keeping with our mission, we also receive and deliberate on Level 2 grade appeals. Specifically, the process involves focusing on the policies and procedures used to arrive at the assigned grade and ensuring they were appropriately described and followed. In 2016, we reviewed six Level 2 grade or competency appeals.

What goals does your committee have for the next academic year?

For 2017, the ASC will follow its new charge and complete reviews of both clerkships and courses from the new curriculum. We will also provide support for the LCME site visit in April.