

Indiana University School of Medicine Committee Report Template

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Committee Name: Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC)

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Meeting Frequency: 10 times/year; various subcommittee meetings

What is the mission of your committee? (100 words)

The mission of the GMEC is to establish and implement policies and procedures regarding the quality of education and the work environment for the residents/fellows in the training programs sponsored by IUSM. The existence of this committee is an Institutional Requirement of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

What has your committee accomplished this year? (250 words)

- The GMEC has strengthened its role as a forum for GME leadership to provide oversight of institutional and program accreditation. The GMEC, along with associated subcommittees, provides program support for the ACGME Next Accreditation System (NAS), guidance on the ACGME Common Program Requirements and the Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER), and assistance with the upcoming LCME site visit.
- Allocation Subcommittee: This committee has reviewed seven applications. Six of these have been approved, and funding has been secured for two programs.
 - An application was made for Indiana RFA funds for eight programs, of which four received funds for a total of five more FTEs in primary care specialties.
- CLE Advisory Board: The position of an Assistant Dean of GME for CLER was created and filled and leads the Advisory Board. This part-time position was created in order to provide organizational leadership.
- APE Subcommittees: Efforts to increase understanding and adoption of quality improvement projects has been successful, and the subcommittees have noticed a definite improvement this year over last year's submissions.

- House Staff Forum: The Forum has created projects focusing on wellness, service vs. education imbalance in training programs, and the IU Health AHC Planning Committee. Additionally, a blog is being set up in MedNet.
- Policies & Procedures Subcommittee: The subcommittee has updated nine policies, and created four new policies (three of which have been approved).
- Special Review Subcommittee: The breadth of the subcommittee has been increased. This subcommittee now reviews instances in which a fellowship program can recruit a non-ACGME accredited resident into the program. This was previously not permissible, but programs may now appeal to the ACGME and IU GMEC to have a candidate declared “exceptional.”

What goals does your committee have for the next academic year? How can the Faculty Steering Committee help you to accomplish those goals? (150 words)

- The GMEC will have to incorporate members from satellite sites around the state (Ft. Wayne, Southwest Consortium, etc.). This will necessitate finding a way for GMEC members from outside Indianapolis to participate in meetings electronically.
- Additional faculty mentors for the House Staff Forum could have the potential to not only increase continuity, but to provide valuable insight on program and hospital administration. This would be especially helpful in planning and implementing annual projects, which have had only variable degrees of success.
- The other subcommittees are staffed by physician educators in leadership positions in their respective departments. Any faculty interested in joining those subcommittees would need to be vetted by the GMEC first.