COMMITTEE ON UCR School of Medicine Medical Education Committee

REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION Academic Senate

To Be Adopted

Proposed Changes to Charge of the Committee on Bylaw ME 05.03

PRESENT:

05.03. There shall be a Medical Education Committee consisting of pre-clerkship course coordinators, clerkship directors, and curricular thread coordinators, the Senior Associate Dean for Education and the Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs of the School (both ex officio, both voting), and two elected medical student representatives from each class (non-voting). All Senate and non-Senate teaching faculty who are not members of the MEC are welcome to attend and have the privilege of the floor, but are non-voting members. (Am 21 Feb 2012) (Am 25 Feb 2014) (Am 13 Oct 2016)

PROPOSED:

05.03. There shall be a Medical Education Committee consisting of pre-clerkship course coordinators, clerkship directors, and curricular thread coordinators, the Senior Associate Dean for Education and the Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs of the School (both ex officio, both voting), the Associate Deans of Pre-Clerkship and Clinical Medical Education, two elected at-large faculty members (elected by the faculty),* and two elected medical student representatives from each class (non-voting). The Associate Deans for Medical Education will serve as MEC Co-Chairs.* All Senate and non-Senate teaching faculty who are not members of the MEC are welcome to attend and have the privilege of the floor, but are non-voting members. All decisions of the MEC will be reported to the FEC for final approval.**

Statement of Purpose and Effect:

*During its formative years, the School of Medicine created and filled associate dean positions to provide leadership and oversight over pre-clerkship medical education (years 1 and 2) and clinical medical education (years 3 and 4). This was necessitated by the School’s block-based, organ system-focused pre-clerkship educational program, with multiple threads relevant to the medical school mission, as well as its distinctive community-based clinical educational program with numerous inpatient and ambulatory affiliates. Both the pre-clerkship and clinical education portions of the curriculum require enormous coordination and vigilant supervision to deliver the highest-quality educational program to students and maintain fidelity with accreditation standards. The School’s faculty also concluded it appropriate for these two individuals to co-chair the Medical Education Committee, as they offer key insights in operationalizing the medical education program.
The national accrediting body for the School of Medicine, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), requires that the “curriculum committee” – for UCR SOM, this is the Medical Education Committee (MEC) – has authority over the medical education program. Thus, MEC decisions are reported to the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) for information and final approval.

Approved by the Committee on: SOM Faculty Executive Committee (8/25/2021)
Or
Submitted by Declan McCole, Ph.D, Chair of SOM Faculty Executive Committee (8/27/2021)

Section below is for Senate use only

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate:
Received by Executive Council: