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To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Kathleen Montgomery
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: Campus Review: (Bylaw Change) Proposed Changes to School of Medicine Bylaw ME 05.02.05.04

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction has carefully considered the proposed change to the School of Medicine Bylaw ME 05.02.05.04 (Medical Education Committee). The Committee appreciates that the proposed change is in response to an accreditation recommendation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) intended to clarify whether the FEC or the MEC has responsibility for management of the curriculum.

Nevertheless, R&J is concerned that the proposed Bylaw change may introduce additional confusion, rather than clarification:

1. The proposed wording delegates authority from the FEC to the MEC for “all medical education decisions” without specifying what such decisions these might be. A broad interpretation could be that ANY decision in the School of Medicine is a "medical education decision."
   This contrasts with SOM Bylaw 05.03.01 that states the duty of the MEC is to take action on all matters pertaining to the educational policy and curriculum of the SOM.

2. A related concern is that, were the proposed FEC delegation of “its authority to the Medical Education Committee for all medical education decisions” to be enacted, shared faculty governance could be compromised.

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction therefore requests that the SOM revisit the proposed Bylaw change to ensure that the proposed delegation is not unnecessarily broad, that the overall Bylaws are internally consistent, and that any proposed change does not impede shared faculty governance.