

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Academic Committee-Board of Governors
Friday, November 1, 2024
Clinical Evaluation Center

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Peter Ward.

Members present: Dr. Gary Poling, and Student Doctor Ethan Galloway, OMS III

II. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

III. Committee Items:

A. DO-01: Academic and Professional Standards (revised)

Dr. Boyd reviewed the minor changes that were made to the policy. There was a change in an office's name to "Multicultural and Student Affairs" instead of just "Student Affairs" which is more in line with COCA and our diversity standards. The other change was in the wording that a student would be informed of charges in writing from "10 business days" to "a timely manner". While everything is done in a timely manner, sometimes it is impossible to gather everything within 10 business days and determine an outcome.

It was moved and seconded to approve changes to the policy. Motion carried.

B. DO-16: Standardization of Student Clinical Lab Coat and Identification Badge (repealed)

Dr. Boyd stated that it was decided to repeal this policy, as it is already outlined in the student handbook. This policy also did not allow students to have their preferred name on their white coat.

It was moved and seconded to repeal the policy. Motion carried.

C. National Boards Office Update

Dr. Boyd reviewed the packet that was given to the board members. The summary of the student focus groups was provided in the packet. Since Dr. Carrier has resigned there have been changes to the organization. The exam center is now under Dr. Kristie Bridges. Dr. Aaron McGuffin is serving as the Interim Director of National Boards, and he will report to Dr. Bridges. A Board Task Force was started, and they meet weekly. Dr. McGuffin, ASPIRE and Kathy Hoke will meet with every Class of 2027 student regarding boards. Dr. Bridges and ASPIRE are meeting with any student that is Academically at Risk.

Dr. McGuffin stated that on November 11, 2024, there will be a meeting with the Class of 2027 to go over the expectations for boards, outline what is expected in various outcomes of the board prep, and provide the outcomes of their exams. All qualifying exams will be proctored going forward. Students will be given a qualifying COMSAE in April, and the cut score for this exam will be 425. If a student is below the score, the next step will be individual to each student. The current class has more resources to use than any other class has been provided.

D. Clinical Resources Update

At the last meeting, there was a question about UpToDate versus DynaMed. All four classes were surveyed. The survey shows that 1st and 2nd-year students prefer DynaMed while the 3rd and 4th-year students prefer UpToDate. DynaMed's cost is \$35,000 a year while the quote from UpToDate would be \$72,000 for one year. If a three-year contract is signed with UpToDate, there would be a slightly lower cost per year. It is still early in the budget, but the administration is looking to offer both resources by canceling some other subscriptions. A question was asked if DynaMed could be used for 1st and 2nd-year students and UpToDate for 3rd and 4th-year students. Companies normally charge for the whole student population and do not segregate students by class.

E. Hear reports from WVSOMs' administration, gather information and prepare recommendations to the full board upon request of the chair.

An update on the Class of 2027's board prep performance was requested for the next meeting.


IV. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Academic Committee meeting date is Thursday, January 30, 2025.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Approved on January 30, 2025

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Peter Ward, Ph.D., Chair