Unconfirmed Minutes of MODA Curriculum Consultative Committee (MC³)
10 a.m., 23 May 2008, Seminar Room, Department of Pharmacology

Chair: R M Henderson (chair, Teaching Committee)
Zoltan Sarnyai (MVST1B Course Organiser)
Lesley MacVinish (secretary, Teaching Committee)
Clinical School Rep: Kevin O'Shaughnessy
Vet School Rep: Mike Herrtage
Peter McNaughton (HOD)
Lecturers in MVST 1B Pharmacology: Margery Barrand, Rik van Veen, Ruth Murrell-Lagnado.

Apologies: Robin Hiley

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting on 27th May 2007 were approved.

2. Lectures
   i. PAM’s anaesthetic lectures (NAB) overlap with Dr Brearly’s, so PAM and JB will discuss the content.
   ii. As JME will be on sabbatical during the coming year, CRH will take over his lectures. The following year when CRH will be on sabbatical, JME will reciprocate.

3. Practical Classes
   The Langendorff heart practical should be rewritten so that, for example, restarting the heart with lidocaine is reintroduced and the question about ballistocardiogram taken out. The heart drug table should also be dropped, as the order of heart drugs is not important. The questions should be reviewed. Use of the hearts in this practical should be optimised. Action: ZS would be responsible for the initial rewrite, which will then be checked by JME and finally approved by PAM.

4. MCQs
   RM-L had been getting e-mails from students complaining that the answers to the Pharmacokinetics question were not correct. They may be getting these answers from some other source than the official mock paper we have on CamTools. After some discussion it was agreed that we should keep the mock paper but re-check the pharmacokinetics questions and if any are badly worded, take them off and give different ones. RM-L to send info to LJM who will investigate.

5. PAM thanked K O'S and MH for coming and said that we would welcome any input from the Clinical and Vet schools.

The next meeting will be on 22 May 2009.
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A meeting was held at 9am on 23 May 2008 in the Seminar Room, Department of Pharmacology.

The following were present: Robert Henderson (Chair), Peter McNaughton (HoD), Lesley MacVinish (TC Secretary), Dermot Cooper, Rik van Veen, Colin Taylor, Steve Hladky, Zoltan Sarnyai (current NST IB lecturers), Virginia Searle (Minutes secretary)

Apologies: , Robin Hiley, Ruth Murrell-Lagnado

1. Minutes
   The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2007 were approved.

2. Lectures
   2.1 Students had said that RvV’s lectures were rather rushed and thought that an extra lecture would be helpful. However, examination of the timetable showed that this would not be possible to fit in.

   2.2 CRH will do JME’s lectures while the latter is on sabbatical. Action: LJM to arrange

3. Seminars
   SBH said that the Pharmacokinetics lectures had been, up until 2 years ago, the first in the term which was ideal in a teaching sense. The seminar is currently out of place and would be best as soon as possible after the third lecture. To address this the aim would be to swap RvV’s lectures and SBH’s. In addition SBH suggested moving the PK seminar, mini-projects and ‘bugs’ practical around to get the correct configuration. This would mean the ‘bugs’ practical would occur before the corresponding lectures and thus RvV will be required to give a more comprehensive overview at the beginning of the practical. Action: LJM to amend lecture and practical timetables

4. Mini projects
   DMFC would like to offer a Mini project and TPF will replace CRH on heart mini-project. HWvV to arrange.

5. Course
   The course content should be reviewed to include the process of drug development. CWT covers this in one lecture, however, and extra lecture is to be inserted between PAM and DMFC’s lectures (Action: ZS to ask Barry Furr if he could do it). Therapy using monoclonal antibodies is to be incorporated in one of DMFC’s lectures, and PAM could also give half a lecture to the subject.

6. The next meeting will be held on 22 May 2009.