Unconfirmed Minutes of MoDA Curriculum Consultative Committee

A meeting was held at 11.00 a.m. on 18 May 2012 in the Meeting Room, Department of Pharmacology

Present: Dr Robert Henderson (Chair), Dr Lesley MacVinish (TC Secretary), Prof. Mike Edwardson, Prof Mike Heritgage (Vet School), Dr David Bainbridge (Vet School), Dr Ruth Murrell-Lagnado, Virginia Searle (Notes)

1. Apologies: Dr Diana Wood, Dr Fraz Mir, Dr Kevin O'Shaugnessy, Dr Robin Hiley

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 27 May 2011 were approved

3. Matters arising

3.1 We should have stronger links with the clinical school and more clinical material in the course as students finding difficulty relating pre-clinical pharmacology with clinical studies. However the Clinical School, although agreeing with this, may not have the necessary resources. Clinical School representatives will continue to be invited to the Review Committee. It was unfortunate that none were able to attend this meeting due to other commitments but we will maintain links in order to teach the relevant course content

3.2 It was suggested in the meeting that perhaps there was no need for CCCs – we could amalgamate with the Teaching Committee and have external input at those meetings once a year. We could find out what other departments do about this.

After further discussion at the meeting, the decision was that the CCC meeting should continue in their present form.

3.3 There should be more liaisons between the Department and supervisors. ZS and LJM have set up and run a course for new supervisors however the role College Liaison Officer (CRH) could be strengthened.

This course was not run this year. CRH did not know what could be done to strengthen his role. It was suggested in the Meeting that perhaps a ‘pool’ of supervisors could be set up, each teaching in the area of their own expertise instead of relying on individuals to supervise a whole course. This issue was also discussed at the NST IB meeting. **Action: RML and LJM will take forward the proposal to approach post-docs and PhD students to see if there is any willingness to supervise in this way**

4. Lecture updates 2012-13

Rik van Veen will be back after sabbatical. JME will take back the introduction while CRH reclains synaptic mechanisms. Two Vet lecturers, Colin Roberts and Gavin Jarvis, have offered to lecture in MoDA. There was discussion about re-vamping the vet only lectures
with one lecturer delivering relevant material. It was decided that Gavin Jarvis would have the skill-set to deliver this 4 lecture slot. **Action: LJM and RMH to meet with Gavin Jarvis to discuss.**

5. **Update on review of MVST course**

The Options will be removed, hopefully by 2014. This will leave space for other teaching sessions. LJM (as Deputy Director of education in Biology) will be talking to all departments about how we will deliver course content in the new MVST course.

There was a short discussion about combining NST IB teaching with MoDA. There was general enthusiasm for this proposal (from David Bainbridge) and it was agreed that this would be taken forward to the Teaching Committee for discussion.

4. **AOB**

Dr D Williams of St John’s has been invited to come to watch the “circus” practicals to have in order an overview of our lab-based teaching.
Unconfirmed Minutes of NST1B Pharmacology Curriculum Consultative Committee

A meeting was held at 10.00 a.m. on 18 May 2012 in the Meeting Room, Department of Pharmacology

Present: Robert Henderson (Chair), Lesley MacVinish (Teaching Committee Secretary), Ruth Murrell-Lagnado (Course Organiser), Robin Irvine, Mike Edwardson, Brian Billups, Tai-Ping Fan, Colin Taylor, Virginia Searle (notes).

1. **Apologies**: Dermot Cooper and Robin Hiley

2. **Minutes**
The Minutes of the meeting of 27 May 2011 were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

   3.1 *It was suggested in the meeting that perhaps there was no need for CCCs – we could amalgamate with the Teaching Committee and have external input at those meetings once a year. We could find out what other departments do about this.*

   No one had consulted other departments, but the matter had been discussed at the TC meeting and it has been decided to keep the CCCs separate.

   3.2 *There should be more liaisons between the Department and supervisors. ZS and LJM have set up and run a course for new supervisors however the role College Liaison Officer (CRH) could be strengthened.*

   CRH did not know what he could do to strengthen the role. Siolian Ball is still the main supervisor. RML offered to send a notice to ask if people would be prepared to supervise a section of the course within their area of expertise instead of one person supervising the whole course. **Action: RML to take forward this initiative**

4. **Replacement of RFI’s lectures while on sabbatical.**
DMFC is willing to do some. It will not be difficult to do 1B from notes. CWT will replace RFI on MIMS course.

5. **Replacement of Chris Langmead drug discovery lectures**
Chris Langmead is leaving. Barry Furr already does one. It was suggested that we approach various contacts suggested by RML and LH about the delivery of these lectures.

6. **Review course content to ensure that we cover all the important areas.**
Except in passing, monoclonal antibodies are not covered in 1B. We could consider reducing the Cardiovascular and Renal lectures from 11 to 9, and LKH’s reproduction lectures from 4 to 3, giving space for 3 lectures in which the topic could be covered. Alternatively, the Drug Discovery lectures could be tailored to cover monoclonal antibody research and design. **Action RML and LJM to take forward.**

7. **AOB**
None