

SÜLEYMAN DEMİREL UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Education Program Evaluation Board (E.P.D.K.)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	3 January 2023
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DECISIONS

The Süleyman Demirel University Education Program Evaluation Board (SDÜTF-EPDK) convened on 3 January 2023 under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Alim KOŞAR. At the meeting:

1. In order to better meet the educational need related to the priority health problems of the community, the matter of whether the Infectious Diseases, Chest Diseases, ENT, and Radiology clerkships, which are included as electives in the Term 6 intern program, could become mandatory clerkships instead of electives was discussed, with intern feedback to be obtained and a decision to be made according to this feedback.
2. The matter of extending the duration of the Family Medicine clerkship, with this time to be taken as 2 weeks from the Public Health clerkship, which is 6 weeks, was discussed. Prof. Dr. Ersin USKUN, a faculty member of the Department of Public Health, stated that this matter could not be done without asking the department's opinion, but that 2 weeks of this clerkship — which was already previously 8 weeks — had already been given to Family Medicine; that interns are made to carry out a research study in this clerkship in order to give them, as the final step of the evidence-based medicine corridor, the skill of planning, interpreting, and presenting a research study as a whole; that it is already very difficult for this research study to be made presentable within 6 weeks; that such a move would mean that the final step of the evidence-based medicine corridor could not be carried out; and that it was also not appropriate for this agenda item to have been raised at the meeting without the knowledge of the Department of Public Health and without asking its opinion. Dean Prof. Dr. Alim KOŞAR was asked whether this idea was based on PDCA cycles. Vice Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elif ÖZKAN stated that this matter had been considered following verbal discussions held with the interns. However, both Dean Koşar and the faculty members of the Department of Medical Education stated that, if the Public Health clerkship — already shortened by giving 2 weeks to Family Medicine — were to be shortened further such that the research studies could not be carried out, this would create a significant gap in our medical education program, that this would mean that the corresponding accreditation steps could not be fulfilled, and that this was unacceptable. Thereupon, it was decided that, in addition to the mandatory Family Medicine clerkship, a 2-week elective clerkship could also be added among the elective clerkships.
3. It was discussed that interns are made to take 15 duty shifts in some clerkships, and that more than 8 duty shifts may not be assigned. It was stated that a letter on this matter had previously been sent to the relevant departments. It was decided that a reminder letter on this matter would be sent again from the Dean's Office.
4. It was stated that feedback had begun to be collected for all faculty members. It was shared as an opinion that it would be appropriate for faculty members to know the feedback concerning themselves, in order to reinforce positive behaviors and change negative ones. It was decided that the feedback would be shared with the faculty member concerned.
5. It was shared as information that UETS has not been working for approximately 6-7 months. It was reported that there is no clear information as to when it will work again, that the departments will be informed again once it starts working, and that during this period the graduation procedures of specialization students are/will be carried out "manually."
6. The Chair of the Department of Medical Education, Assist. Prof. Dr. Giray KOLCU, shared the information that, in the accreditation visits they had carried out at other Faculties of Medicine, there are courses included under the name "Volunteering Studies" that have been added to the Faculty of Medicine course program even though they are not in the UÇEP. He raised the view that these courses cover subjects such as "Human Rights," "Science Diplomacy," "Social Entrepreneurship," "Civil Society Organizations," "Combating Addiction," "Climate Change and Health Effects," and "Disinformation and Fake News," and that it might be appropriate to add these courses to our Faculty of Medicine's program. It was stated that some courses are already included in our program (in terms of content,

even if not under the same name). For example, it was stated that the subject of Human Rights is included in the Forensic Medicine clerkship. This was stated by the Term 3 Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kürşat BOZKURT. For example, it was reported that there is an integrated session held in Term 3 Course Committee 1 on the subject of "drug and substance addiction," with the participation of the Departments of Public Health, Psychiatry, Pharmacology, and Forensic Medicine, and that there is likewise a panel on the subject of smoking among addictive substances, with the participation of the Departments of Public Health, Chest Diseases, and Pharmacology. It was also stated that the subject of climate change and health effects is addressed to some extent in the one-hour lecture on global environmental problems included in Term 3 Course Committee 1. Assist. Prof. Dr. Giray KOLCU of the Department of Medical Education expressed the view that it would be more appropriate for these subjects to be addressed under their explicit name and included in the program. Prof. Dr. Ersin USKUN stated that, if deemed appropriate, he himself could give a lecture on "Climate Change and Health Effects" in the Public Health and Family Medicine Course included in Term 3 Course Committee 1. It was decided that it would be appropriate to add a 1-hour lecture on "Climate Change and Health Effects" to Term 3 Course Committee 1.

7. The Department of Medical Education reported the view that we should place particular importance on social responsibility projects, emphasizing the importance of taking part in social responsibility projects, and that they need to be included in the education program. Assist. Prof. Dr. İnci KOLCU gave information on social responsibility projects, providing examples. It was discussed that these studies, which benefit the community and have an output in the form of education-screening-feedback-outputs, could be included as an ÖÇM, and it was decided that it would be appropriate to begin preparations for creating a "social responsibility project course" as an ÖÇM.

8. The matter of the assessment of the "project course," which is being run as a pilot in Term 3 in the 2022-23 academic year, was discussed. It was stated that, because it is a pilot implementation, no scoring would be done this year, but that assessment would be carried out based on students' attendance status in these courses and faculty member feedback.

9. It was stated that the Public Health Practice Courses included in the Term 3 Public Health course committee could not be carried out during the pandemic period, but that, starting from the 2023-24 academic year, it is planned for the practice courses to be held again at the landfill and liquid waste disposal facility. It was discussed that, because the number of students has increased, transportation has become difficult and a large number of vehicles are needed, and what would be done to overcome this problem. The Dean's Office stated that, if notice is given early, there would be no problem in procuring vehicles for student transportation and that vehicles could be provided.

10. It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 7 February 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Prof. Dr. Alim KOŞAR — Attended
Prof. Dr. Ersin USKUN — Attended
Prof. Dr. Mustafa Özgür PİRGON — Attended
Prof. Dr. Münire ÇAKIR — Attended
Prof. Dr. Metin ÇİRİŞ — Attended
Prof. Dr. Duygu KUMBUL DOĞUÇ — Attended
Prof. Dr. Pınar ASLAN KOŞAR — Attended
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Filiz ALKAYA SOLMAZ — Attended
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emine Elif ÖZKAN — Attended
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kanat GÜLLE — Attended
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kemal Kürşat BOZKURT — Attended
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dilek BAYRAM — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Yusuf TEPEBAŞI — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Gözde BACIK YAMAN — Attended
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fevziye Burcu ŞİRİN — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Giray KOLCU — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Melike DOĞAN ÜNLÜ — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Dilek ULUSOY KARATOPUK — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. İlkey ARMAĞAN — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Demircan ÖZBALCI — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Girayhan ÇELİK — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Halil İbrahim BÜYÜKBAYRAM — Attended

Assist. Prof. Dr. M. İnci BAŞER KOLCU — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuba BAYKAL — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Gökçe İŞCAN — Attended
Assist. Prof. Dr. Kadir BURHAN KARADEM — Attended
Ece AVVURAN (Term 1 Representative) — Attended
Refik E. KARAKULAK (Term 2 Representative) — Attended
Umut E. YILDIRIM (Term 3 Representative) — Attended
M. Emin AĞIR (Term 4 Representative) — Attended
M. Milhan SOYASLAN (Term 5 Representative) — Attended
Kağan TÜRKER (Term 6 Representative) — Attended