

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	4 April 2023
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DECISIONS

The Süleyman Demirel University Education Program Evaluation Board (SDÜTF-EPDK) convened on 4 April 2023 under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Ersin USKUN. At the meeting:

1. It was shared that our University's Academic Calendar had been postponed by 3 weeks and that the term had been extended to 23 June 2023. Based on the announcement made by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK), it was reported that face-to-face education would begin on Monday, 10 April 2023, and that attendance would not be taken from students.
2. The numbers of students who indicated, via the Term 4 student representative, that they would be able to attend once the transition to face-to-face education occurred were shared. Accordingly: Term 1 – 120; Term [illegible].
3. It was decided that it would be appropriate for students who would be unable to attend face-to-face classes to send their justifications to the relevant coordinator's office by e-mail, and for these justifications to be evaluated by a commission to be established.
4. The current status of the education program was shared by the Term 3 Coordinator. Accordingly, it was reported that the theoretical courses of Course Committee 4 had ended and that the theoretical courses of Course Committee 5 would also end the following week, but that the practical courses of these two course committees had not yet been held. It was shared that, once the theoretical courses ended the following week, the practical courses would be given face-to-face. It was stated that the Course Committee 4 and Course Committee 5 examinations had not been held.
5. The Term [illegible] Coordinator stated that the theoretical courses had ended, that the course schedule for the practical courses had been completed, and that there was no problem with transitioning to practical training. It was stated that the Course Committee 4 examination had not been held. It was indicated that they planned to hold this examination on Wednesday, 19 April 2023.
6. It was decided that, for students who would be unable to attend face-to-face practical and professional skills courses, video recordings to be made during face-to-face practical sessions, as well as video recordings previously made for distance education during the pandemic period, would be used.
7. It was decided that it would be appropriate for Term 1's Course Committee 3, Term 2's Course Committee 4, and Term 3's Course Committees 4 and 5 to be held online. It was stated that the dates would be announced later on the website.
8. Concern was expressed that online examination assessments do not fully measure student performance. For this reason, the view was shared that, going forward, it would also be appropriate — for the accreditation process — to introduce to our faculty the "Progress Test" ("Gelişim Sınavı") application used at some faculties in our country in the assessment of education and teaching.
9. Information was provided by the Department of Medical Education regarding what the "Progress Test" is and how it is administered.
10. The matter of keeping the time allotted per question shorter in online examinations was discussed. The student representatives stated that they believed working students would be less successful under these conditions.
11. The Term 4 Coordinator reported that arrangements had been made regarding the clerkships coinciding with the Feast of Sacrifice; it was shared that Cardiology would hold its examination on Wednesday so that students could move on to the Cardiovascular Surgery (KVC) clerkship from Thursday onward, and that Plastic Surgery would likewise hold its examination on Wednesday so that students could move on to the Pediatric Surgery clerkship on Thursday, and this was decided to be appropriate. It was noted that the board was grateful for the cooperation of the aforementioned departments. It was decided that it would be appropriate to write a letter of thanks to the relevant departments.

12. The Term 4 and Term 5 Coordinators stated that, among the students who came from the earthquake-affected region and began their education in Term 5, there were 15 students who had not previously taken the Cardiovascular Surgery (KVC) clerkship at their own faculty (in Term 4), and that an additional KVC clerkship needed to be opened so that these students could proceed to internship training. It was reported that approval had been obtained from the KVC Department Academic Board for a separate KVC clerkship to be opened for these students, to be held on 12-16 June, so that these students could begin their internship training without suffering any disadvantage.

13. It was reported by the Department of Medical Education that the simulated-patient training had been completed and that education with simulated patients could begin the following term.

14. The Term 5 Coordinator shared that they were continually being asked for information regarding the preparation of the Course Information Packages. It was noted that a video had been prepared by our University on this matter, and it was decided that it would be appropriate for the video's link to be shared again in writing.

15. It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023.