



Three Questions for Michael Malinowski, MD, FACS

The Review Process for the Curriculum Innovation Proposal Within the Curriculum and Evaluation Committee (CEC)

Transformational Times: In broad strokes, what are the CEC's goals for the next steps in the curriculum process?

Dr. Malinowski: As the CEC moves into the initial review process for the Curriculum Innovation Proposal, our goal is to ensure that the proposal fulfills the current and future needs of the student and faculty bodies of MCW with appropriate curricular changes. The CEC review will be thorough and complete, and includes voices from the CEC's voting membership, operational curriculum leaders within the course and clerkship committees, and the ex-officio institutional leaders. Every entity available to the CEC is being utilized for this review.

Transformational Times: What will the basic outline of the new curriculum look like?

Dr. Malinowski: The current vision and framework of the submitted proposal includes three phases of Foundational Science (18 months), Clinical Core (12 months of 4-week core clerkships) and Individualization (17 months) with an anticipated July 2023 start.

Transformational Times: When might the curriculum be approved?

Dr. Malinowski: The full CEC membership, including invited guests of the course and clerkship directors, were present for the Steering Committee Proposal on August 16, 2021. The Course and Clerkship Director Committees are independently meeting to complete review templates and provide formal feedback to the CEC voting membership ahead of the next September CEC meeting; this will provide constructive feedback from the operational side of the curriculum. The September 20 meeting will provide time for CEC member deliberation and vetting of the curriculum proposal, utilizing discussion leads and moderators to facilitate effective and

thorough debate within the CEC. The proposal will have a final public discussion at the October 18 meeting with all membership present, including ex-officio representation, during which time a final vote is anticipated to be held.

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