

Brothers, Sheila C

From: De Leeuw, Reny
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To: Brothers, Sheila C
Cc: Miller, Craig S
Subject: nonstandard course calendar

Dear Sheila,

Thank you so much for offering your help to Dr. Miller with regard to this request. Since he is out of town and I was closely involved in the decision to want to break the course up over two semesters I am providing you with the needed information.

- Name of contact person for the proposal. Reny de Leeuw
- Course prefix and number. ODM 830
- Proposed start and end date for the course. Mon March 20, 2017 – October 2017 (exact date unknown; we have not yet started our Fall calendar schedule).
- Whether the request for a nonstandard calendar is for one time only, or on a recurring basis. (If recurring, please elaborate.) Recurring request. The request is being made to better balance the course load in the dental curriculum, and thus would become a recurring event.
- Justification for the request. We would like to request your permission to change the timing of the course ODM 830 “Dental Management of the Medically Compromised Patient” partially into the Spring Semester of the second year. The students would benefit in several ways: First: the fall semester of the third year has been tremendously taxing for the third year students with three high stakes didactic courses interwoven with many clinic and lab sessions. Second, the information provided in this course would enhance the student’s ability to triage patients better. As the students’ patient contact is increased in the Spring Semester, having a better understanding of medically compromised patients and how their conditions could affect dental treatment planning would greatly benefit the student and would allow them to see medically compromised patients earlier in their clinical experience. As the College of Dentistry’s patients pool and people in general are more and more medically compromised, this would enhance the number of patients being able to obtain much needed dental care. As such it would be a win-win for all. As the current Spring Semester for the second year dental students is lightly populated with course work and the third year course load has taken its toll on the third year students we would appreciate if we could make this change happen, effective as soon as possible.
- Whether or not the nonstandard calendar creates an actual or potential violation of *Senate Rules* 5.2.2 (“Student Load”), specifically the number of credit hours taken by a student during a specific period of time. (If so, please explain and justify.) As you know the senate rules 5.2.2 are mostly concerning undergraduate and graduate programs, and you are well aware of the course load per semester for dentistry. I looked at all the courses in the fall of the third year and the spring of the second year. I added the hours up and for those courses (mostly clinical or preclinical) that span the entire year), I divided the # of credit hours in half. The third year fall semester ended up with 27 credit hours and the second year spring semester had

23 credit hours. Dividing the 3 credit hour course ODM 830 over the two semesters, balances the course load better and almost evens the load.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.
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