

ADNSA Meeting Minutes Jan 16, 2017

Attendees: Jasmine Carino, Shehab El'Hashemy, Cindy Beernink, Nick Degroot, Max Crispo, Aidanne MacDonald-Milewski, Lauren McKinney, Valerie Kremer, Rachel Helferty, Jamie van Erkelens

Chair: Mitchell Zeifman

Meeting minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting were not available at the time of the meeting. Approval of the minutes were tabled for the next ADNSA meeting.

John Cargil (Director IS Dept) addresses Internet issues

- server changeover affected Wi-Fi because of old protocols that were re-enacted when the server was switched
- The problem has been resolved as of last week.
- Max asked about Moodle access - The issues was also interrelated to the server changes
- Issues with migration were about changes in credentials (student and staff).
- Remote access issues were brought up by Jamie. The issues were owing to a move from an on-site to a cloud based access administrator. The new cloud-based access, Easy Proxy, is up and should be running smoothly.
- John asked that problems that arise be sent to his attention via email

Discussion of NPLEX results

- Dr. Carino led a presentation on the most recent NPLEX I results.
- NPLEX I results were quite disappointing, with a 60% pass rate, as compared to all schools at 77% pass rate
- Disease and Dysfunction dipped significantly lower than previous years.
- Correlations were found between pass rate and study hours (>100 hours study time, better results; higher program and entry GPA, better results). Results may have been affected by voluntary nature of data collection.
- Actions being taken:
 - Hypotheses: not enough study, integrative test-taking skills development, knowledge-gap in courses, basic science knowledge may be low
 - Interventions: raise awareness, offer support, offer mock NPLEX I style exam, map course material, offer NPLEX prep course to all students
- Discussion about study schemes ensued (e.g. use of USMLE guides) and resources
- Discussed the possibility of a mandatory prep course
- Jamie asked about setting up faculty mentors for all students from the start. Dr. DeGroot mentioned that there may be a targeted approach to support for struggling students.

Meeting was adjourned. Dr. Carino invited all those in attendance to remain and discuss their ideas around the NPLEX issue.

Next meeting Jan 23rd 12 PM Boardroom

