MEMORANDUM

Date: July 1, 2015

To: Dr. Micaela Gibbs,
   Chair, Curriculum Committee

Copy to: Dr. Neel Bhattacharyya, Faculty Assembly
        Dr. Venita Sposetti, Associate Dean for Education
        Ms. Gail Childs, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

From: Dr. A. Isabel Garcia, Dean

Subject: Charge to the Curriculum Committee, 2015-16

Thank you for your service to the University of Florida College of Dentistry as chairperson of the Curriculum Committee for 2015-16. As stated in the Constitution and Bylaws, it is the responsibility of the committee to evaluate, revise, and recommend policies to implement the pre-doctoral curriculum. As dean, I have empowered the committee to oversee all pre-doctoral curricular issues in the college.

I am requesting that the Curriculum Committee or ad hoc groups established by this committee accomplish a number of important activities this year and be a conduit of information through our Faculty Advisory Board (FAB). FAB will appoint a liaison to your committee to help with this communication and any issues that need to be brought up to the faculty.

The following activities should be grounded in student learning outcomes and can be addressed during the recommended time period:

1. Continue your participation in the accreditation process including a review of the current competency document, its alignment with CODA Standards and current competency certifications.
2. Explore innovative strategies to enhance meaningful educational opportunities for students within the context of the increased class size, including recommendations for rotation experiences. (shared with Clinical Administration)

3. Appoint a “Student Assessment Workgroup” that aligns with the curriculum revision efforts.

4. Reevaluate proposed curriculum revision plan and develop a detailed curriculum revision plan.

Ongoing

5. Employ adult learning teaching and assessment principles including a greater emphasis on active learning strategies in and out of the classroom.

6. Support and monitor educational technologies in the DMD curriculum.

7. Recommend potential programs for consideration by the Faculty Development Committee.

Each standing faculty committee is charged with reviewing relevant outcome measures from the college’s strategic plan. The committee should develop a rubric of when these measures will be reviewed and proposed actions from the data reported. The measures which should be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee in 2015-2016 include:

- DMD. student pass rate - NBDE Parts I and II
- DMD student pass rate- Florida Licensure Examination
- Student satisfaction (Senior Exit Interviews, Alumni Periodic Survey)
- DMD students accepted/applied to advanced and graduate education programs
- DMD students graduating with research honors and/or dual degrees
- DMD program- tuition, fees and educational debt

The committee consists of seven faculty members elected by the Faculty Assembly, the Basic Science coordinator, the Associate Dean for Education, one student from each of the second, third, and fourth year classes, the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs as ex officio (voting) member, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction as an ex-officio (non-voting) member, and a member of the library faculty selected by the Health Science Center library as a non-voting member. The committee elects the chairperson and vice chairperson from among the members. The vice chairperson will become chairperson upon completion of the chairperson’s term.

I am looking forward to another productive academic year for our college and thank you for all of your efforts leading the Curriculum Committee.