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Memo To: Dorothy H. Cavender, Ed.D.
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Subject: Items for University Curriculum Committee

This memorandum concerns the revised Harrison School of Pharmacy’s (HSOP) Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Curriculum which was implemented beginning with the entering class of Fall Semester 2005. In order to facilitate the implementation of this curriculum, the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) initially approved a curricular model and allowed the HSOP to subsequently develop the individual courses.

The entering class of Fall 2005 will begin their 4th professional year in the Summer Term of 2008, and the HSOP requests approval of the remaining coursework necessary to complete the revised Pharm.D. curriculum. The specific requests are discussed as follows:

**Change in Curricular Model** – The HSOP requests three distinct changes in previously approved curricular model the 4th professional year.

1. **Change in structure of Advanced Practice Experience Rotations** – The previously approved model required ten 4-week advanced practice experiences (each being 4 semester hours). In place of this, the HSOP is requesting approval of a model that would include eight 5-week rotations (each being 5 semester hours). The total number of rotation weeks and credit hours would not change, but the new structure would offer a number of distinct advantages for the HSOP, as follows: 1) the HSOP’s rotation times would line up more closely with those of other regional pharmacy schools with which the HSOP shares clinical practice sites; this would facilitate greater efficiency in the use of clinical resources, 2) the 5-week rotation blocks allow one additional week in each practice experience, which the HSOP’s faculty feels will enhance learning, and 3) the new rotation schedule matches up better with Auburn University’s academic calendar which means that there will be less problems with rotations extending across academic semesters.
2. **Change in Contemporary Aspects of Pharmacy Practice Sequence (CAPP)** – The HSOP’s faculty had initially envisioned that the CAPP sequence would extend across each of the three terms of the 4th professional year. However, after thoughtful deliberation, we were not able to develop a workable format. Thus, the HSOP proposes a single course in the Spring Semester of the P4 year (PYPP 5680 – CAPP VII) which is similar to the Clinical Seminar course that was included in the previous Pharm.D. Curriculum.

3. **Inclusion of PYPP 5690 – Advanced Practice Experience Presentations** - As a component of the 4th professional year, students are expected to deliver verbal presentations in a variety of formats. These presentations are made across the various practice experiences. To assure accountability for each student in completing this requirement, it is requested that PYPP 5690 be included as zero credit hour S/U graded course that is required for the Pharm.D. degree.

**Course Modifications** – To finalize the curriculum for the 4th professional year as outlined above, the following course modifications are requested (course numbers with new course names):

- PYPP 5600 – Advanced Practice Experience in Drug Information
- PYPP 5610 – Advanced Practice Experience in Community Pharmaceutical Care
- PYPP 5620 – Advanced Practice Experience in Medicine
- PYPP 5640 – Advanced Practice Experience in Primary/Ambulatory Care I
- PYPP 5650 – Advanced Practice Experience in Primary/Ambulatory Care II
- PYPP 5660 – Advanced Practice Experience in Health System Practice
- PYPP 5670 – Advanced Practice Experience Elective
- PYPP 5680 – Contemporary Aspects of Pharmacy Practice VII
- PYPP 5690 – Advanced Practice Experience Presentations

**Course Deletions** – The following course no longer will be part of the 4th professional year and we are requesting its deletion:

- PYPP 5630 – Medical Specialty

Thank you for your consideration of our submissions. Please contact me if there is additional information that you need.