

Graduate Medical Education Committee - (GMEC)

The Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC), whose existence and activities are prescribed by the ACGME, is composed of Program Directors, peer-elected residents, the Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education/DIO, representatives from participating affiliated hospitals, Program and Associate Program Directors, UP&S Safety Officer and administration, and the GME Office administration.

The GMEC responsibilities are specifically charged by the ACGME (IRC.4) to include oversight of:

- ACGME-accreditation status of Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and its ACGME-accredited Residency Programs;
- The quality of the GME learning and working environment within the School of Medicine, its ACGME-accredited programs, and its participating sites.
- The quality of educational experiences in each program that lead to measurable achievement of educational outcomes outlined in the ACGME Common and specialty/subspecialty specific Program Requirements; and,
- All processes related to reductions and/or closures of individual ACGME-accredited programs, major participating sites, and the School of Medicine.

In addition, the ACGME charges the GMEC to review and approve:

- Annual recommendations to the School of Medicine administration regarding resident/fellow stipends and benefits and the number of funded positions in each program;
- Institutional GMEC policies and procedures;
- Applications for new programs;
- Requests for permanent changes in resident/fellow complement;
- Major changes in programs' structure or length of training education;
- Additions or deletions from program's list of participating sites;
- Appointments of new program directors;
- Progress report requested by a Review Committee;
- Responses to interim Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) site visit reports;

- Requests for exceptions to duty hour requirements;
- Voluntary withdrawal of ACGME program accreditation;
- Requests for an appeal of an adverse action by a Review Committee, and,
- Appeal presentations to an ACGME Appeals Panel.

The ACGME Institutional Guidelines also state that the GMEC must:

- Demonstrate effective oversight of the Institution's accreditation through an Annual Institutional Review (AIR).
- Monitor procedures for action plans resulting from the review;
- Prepare an executive summary of the AIR to submit annually to the UP&S Board and the SIE of the School of Medicine;
- Demonstrate effective oversight of ACGME program accreditation through an Annual Program Review (APR) process;
- Provide evidence of quality improvement efforts by maintaining a GMEC Special Review process for programs that warrant intervention beyond the APR with a required and specific reporting and monitoring protocol.