**MSU-CVM Curriculum Committee Minutes**

**November 20th, 2019**

Attendees: K. Walters, C. Bryant, J. Thomason, J. Smith, M. Williams, T. Howell, student representatives

Call to order 2:00

Topics

* Dr. Thomason provided updates on various committees
  + Implementation committee (essentially a spin off, of the task force); mentioned scheduling, training for junior faculty
  + Curriculum Review Committee will review learning outcomes
* Proposals to alleviate stress or anxiety focused on freshmen and sophomores
  + Rearrange schedule w/out changing content
  + Modify schedule (e.g. Friday before Labor Day “off”, move some finals to before Thanksgiving)
  + Professional development course (potential modification)
    - Blocking it in year 1 during the fall for 3-4 weeks ( start and finish)
    - Professional development moved out of year 2 into year 1
  + Potential fall break for a week for 1st and 2nd year students
  + Year 1 test days – Tuesday and Thursday (Wednesdays off)
  + Year 2 test days – Monday and Friday (Thursday off)
  + Provide some “standing desks” in lecture rooms
* Limiting lectures to 50 minutes
* Reviewed the tentative testing and class schedule for years 1 and 2
* Pharmacology elective proposed to change from 4 weeks to 2 weeks
* Sending exit surveys to graduates that have been out 3-5 years
* Next meeting Dec. 18th from 2 until 3 PM