IPI Consultation Committee Meeting January 22, 2020 Minutes

Present: Suzanne, Chair, Anne, Kelly, Doug

Absent: Carl, Karen

Meeting convened at 12:00

1. Minutes from November meeting approved. No meeting held in December.
2. Brief review of request from Jill to contribute to a blog. See November minutes. No further action at this time
3. Caroline has requested that Suzanne consider a video for social media to be posted online. Suzanne to explore. Has this been done before? Suzanne thought perhaps Carl or Charles had prepared a video but not posted.
4. Suzanne reported on the current situation with the current class. She noted that no one completed or returned the survey requested in December. However in the last GAM group the class spoke about confusion and negative feelings with regard to the course thus far. The main theme of the complaints had to do with a ‘lack of progression’ in the sequence of seminars. The committee duly noted the critique. We also discussed further important dynamics with this cohort. The group is small, only four participants. They come from a very diverse geographical areas, some of which are experiencing major environmental trauma. We also noted that the format of multiple seminar leaders is not conducive to establishing a stable frame. Integrating the readings and the clinical vignettes has been challenging. We thought it might be worth beginning the seminar with the clinical material before moving to readings. Also Suzanne is prepared to contact each upcoming seminar leader to update her/him on status of group and how best to approach.
5. The committee believes that the process noted above also reflects an institute wide problem with faculty resources. The members of this committee all noted how they are ‘teaching’ in multiple programs and courses, but all mostly on a ‘one off’ schedule. We believe the Institute should investigate this situation and make necessary changes. It would
seem that a course like the Clinical Consultation would be best delivered with a core faculty that could provide more continuity for the class.

Next meeting February 26, 12:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 12:50.

Submitted by:

Doug Dennett