



MINUTES OF STUDY COURSE'S COUNCIL
29.11.2023

On Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 1p.m. the Study Course's Council of the master's degree Course in Medicine and Surgery took place in Classroom W (Murri Pole) and through Microsoft Teams. The Council was summoned by Professor Magi, President of the master's degree Course in Medicine and Surgery, via email on 22nd November 2023 in order to discuss the following agenda:

1. Announcements by the President
2. Nomination of guidance's referent
3. Nomination of PTA's referent for each year of the course
4. Amendment of the Didactic Regulation (degree mark)
5. Data Analysis of the 1st year of the course a.y. 2022/2023
6. Italian Course and Italian Pre-Test in the 3rd year of the course's PTA Skill "Presentation: Objectives/Methods/Verification"
7. Acknowledgement of the Joint-Commission Meeting's Minutes
8. Any other business

At 1:08 p.m. Professor Magi, acknowledging all the justified absences (3), attendances, and the legal number calls the meeting to order.

Prof. Marmorale and Prof. Burattini attend the meeting as auditors, Amicucci, Talamonti and Ragni as administration support.

1. Announcements by the President

Professor Magi communicates that it is going to be planned a Welcome Day for the 1st year students to describe the faculty's services and the organization of the course, also providing information on the contact persons/offices to refer in case of need.

The Welcome Day was scheduled for November 13th but given the small number of students attending lessons in presence, it is decided to postpone the Welcome Day to the second semester.

Despite some students requests for online classes, at present, the Faculty of Medicine has indicated that lessons are given only in presence, with the only exceptions regarding:

- monographic courses (with the e-learning approach, namely asynchronous lessons recorded by the teachers),

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- a maximum of 30% of e-learning lessons for teachers who have made a prior request, presenting a specific project.
- synchronous online lessons only for first-year Medicine and Surgery students waiting for their visa to be issued.
- continuity of didactic activities for students located in territories affected by the war.

To make it easier for students to attend remotely, also reducing the load of hours in the classroom, the only possibility lies in the teacher's request to provide a maximum of 30% of lessons in e-learning “e-learning project” (according to the regulation) by applying as soon as it will be possible.

Regarding the attendance, 70% attendance is mandatory.

Students are invited to organize themselves, if there are planning absences. For any specific need, particular situations or issues including health related issues, it is suggested contacting the teachers directly to discuss absences and agree on the recovery of teaching material and/or to request clarification.

Finally, during the classes it is important to pay attention and to respect the teacher, avoiding studying other subjects or looking at the cell phone.

PTA Skill “Presentation: Objectives/Methods/Verification” will be held in e-learning for every single year of the course.

Professor Magi announces that latest textbooks “*Genetics A Conceptual Approach SEVENTH EDITION BY Benjamin A Pierce (Macmillan Learning)*” and “*Biochemistry, 9th Edition, Lubert Stryer; Jeremy M. Berg; John L. Tymoczko; Gregory J. Gatto Jr.*” arrived and now available in the library.

Finally, Professor remember to her colleagues that the order of the textbooks is processed in September, taking into consideration the information present in the syllabus as of August 31st. Therefore, textbook that have been inserted later cannot be ordered. This is also why it is so important to meet the deadlines that are given.

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2. Nomination of guidance's referent

To comply with the provisions of the AVA3 model, it is necessary to identify a contact person for the orientation. Professor Magi proposes to the Council Professor Arianna Vignini, since she has been already involved in orientation events within other degree courses. The council votes in favour of this proposal.

3. Nomination of PTA's referent for each year of the course

Professor Magi states that it is necessary to identify a contact person for the professional training activity for each year, to ensure that students have a reference in this regard, to coordinate the various activities, to make decisions, and provide communications with the support of the President of the Degree Course and the GEDAP Office. The proposal is to confirm Professor Davide Sartini for the first year and to nominate Dr. Ilenia Severi for the second year. The council votes in favour of this proposal.

4. Amendment of the Didactic Regulation (Degree mark)

Professor Magi communicates to the Council that the Didactic Regulation has been adjusted concerning the degree mark (Attachment A) following the indications of the Italian Permanent conference of the presidents of the degree courses in medicine and surgery and with the amendments about the Biomedical Engineering degree optional courses.

5. Data analysis of the 1st year of the course a.y. 2022/2023

Professor Magi reports the data and feedback about the 1st year of the course of the previous academic year:

- IMAT data: 236 (2022) (60 seats available. All the available seats (60) for the A. A. 2022-2023 have been covered, respecting the established proportion of 25 students from non-European countries and 35 from Europe. Of these 35 students, 17 are from Italy)
- % attended online lessons (I and II sem)
- 6 withdrawals, 4 transfers; motivation of these last datas:
 - 1) Personal circumstances (European students)
 - 2) Academic difficulties (engineering-related courses, such as mathematical analysis & Geometry).

In fact, several students voiced their concerns regarding these courses, especially students who joined later in the school year and missed the in-presence lectures of this course, and later struggled with it. Some students are not interested in biomedical engineering, and they would rather study in a “traditional” medicine course, not having to take high level maths. This specific reason begs the

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question of why these students decided to choose Medtech as their degree course in the first place, if they are not interested in engineering - and the answer lies in the fact that most of them assumed that once a student gives up on engineering - the courses he must take are the same as those taken in “traditional” medicine degree. The best way to solve this specific issue is to transparently talk about the course’s structure to incoming students who are willing to take the IMAT.

From February 2024 a satisfaction questionnaire regarding PTA will also be provided.

The student’s representative Aikaterini Panourgia states that information concerning Engineering exams and the second degree were not so clear for every student, but herself and other 2nd year students talked with the new students and they received positive feedback about it.

6. Italian Course and Italian Pre-Test in the 3rd year of the course’s PTA Skill: “Presentation: Objectives/Methods/Verification”

Concurrently with the introductory lesson of the Professionalizing Training Activities (PTA), for the skill "Presentation: Objectives/Methods/Verification" of the third year of the course (the year in which the students in the second semester will attend PTA in the hospital ward), it is proposed to include a pre-test of Basic Italian language, most likely in e-learning (asking support CSAL for the formulation). Regardless of the grade, taking the test is necessary to complete the activities. It represents a kind of self-evaluation test; the council agrees.

7. Acknowledgment of the Joint-Commission Meeting’s Minutes

Professor Magi informs the council about the last Joint-Commission Meeting of November 15th, the decisions made by the Commission were:

- Designation of the Vice President (student component): Lorenzo Pieragostini
- As regards the 2024/2025 educational offer, the degree courses suspended in the present academic year will be reactivated:

Professional Education degree course and Dietetics degree course.

The new course “Techniques of Cardiocirculatory Pathophysiology and Cardiovascular Perfusion” has been established.

8. Any other business

Professor Magi states that on November 21st the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR) approved the continuity of online didactic activities for students located in territories affected by the war. The activities do not include online exams.

"Herewith, taking into account the motion referred to in question, in order to ensure educational continuity in consideration of the serious war crisis affecting the countries of the Middle Eastern area, it is represented that for Courses of study with compulsory attendance, universities - within the

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scope of university autonomy - can proceed with the provision of didactic activities in the so-called "remote" mode with the recovery of didactic activities not carried out in person (over 10%), in compliance with the provisions of Annex 4 of Ministerial Decree no. 289/2021, containing "General guidelines for the three-year planning of the university system for the three-year period 2021-2023". Professor Gesuita asks when the classes will start to have to be held online.

Jacopo Ragni, of the administration GEDAP office, answers that a Team will be created to this purpose on Microsoft Teams.

Another situation reported by Professor Magi is that a Jewish students asked for collaboration to observe Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath. It begins at sunset on Friday and concludes at nightfall on Saturday. He is asking for justification of his absences from the Friday afternoon classes (and for didactic materials recover).

Professor Pifferi asks to the Council to consider the situation because according to didactic calendar and classes timetable is really hard to grant the request and there is a risk to set a precedent.

Professor Magi and Jessica Amicucci answer that it's not possible to accept the student's request, it is only possible to not schedule activities on Friday evenings and possible absences must fall on the 30% of absences permitted by regulation.

Another important thing is that it requires collaboration between students and teachers.

On the one hand, teachers are invited to try as much as possible to provide stability regarding the exam dates, avoiding changes to the exam dates, unless strictly necessary.

It is important to take this opportunity to highlight the different needs of foreign students, for example regarding the long distances they have to travel, in some cases, to return to their countries for short periods.

On the other hand, students are invited to organize themselves, as far as possible, to stay until the end of the exam session, as major events may occur, which imply changes to the established exam dates.

Professor Sartini clarifies that it can be possible that exams could not finish in the precise date and that PTA scheduling can be postponed to second half of July, so the students should consider the closing dates of the University for a date to come back home.

Having nothing more to discuss, Professor Magi, President of the Medicine and Surgery Course, ends the Council at 1:51 p.m.

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