



MINUTES OF STUDY COURSE'S COUNCIL
21.03.2023

On Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 1p.m. Study Course's Council of Master's Degree Course Medicine and Surgery took place online. It was summoned by Professor Magi, President of Medicine and Surgery Course, by email on March 14th 2023 in order to discuss the following agenda:

1. Announcements by the President
2. Approval of the previous sitting's minutes
3. Change in preparatory courses
4. Quality improvement actions
5. Presentation of monographic courses a.y.2023/2024
6. Report on the meeting with production of goods and services' and trade associations
7. Any other business

At 1:10p.m. Professor Magi, acknowledging all valid justifications for absences and attendances, calls the meeting to order.

Prof. Marmorale and Prof. Burattini attend the meeting as auditors; Hagy, Panourgia, and Farah as student auditors; Amicucci, Ragni, and Salvucci as administration support.

1 – Announcements by the President

Professor Magi states that Professor Sartini was nominated Professionalizing Training Activity (PTA) exam representative of the first year of Medicine and Surgery Course.

2 – Approval of the previous sitting's minutes

Professor Magi submits for approval the previous Study Course's Council minutes of Tuesday 11st January 2023, available online at COURSE'S COUNCIL of MEDICINE AND SURGERY page of the UNIVPM website. During the study course's council, a printed copy of the document is available to all members. The minutes is approved.

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3 – Change in preparatory courses

Professor Magi explains that two preparatory courses were added in a.y.2023/2024. In order to take Human Anatomy II and Biochemistry and Human Physiology II exam, students must have already passed Human Anatomy I and Biochemistry, Pharmacology and Human Physiology I along with Human Anatomy II respectively.

5 –Presentation of monographic courses a.y.2023/2024

Very few changes were made on monographic courses available in the academic year 2023/2024.

During the first year, students will choose two monographic courses among:

1. Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (ING-INF/06 - 1 CFU) Prof. Laura Burattini;
2. Foundations of the scientific method (M-FIL/02 - 1 CFU) Dott. Alex Gebharter;
3. Biotechnologies applied to pharmacology (BIO/14 - 1 CFU) Prof. Antonio Vinciguerra.

In the second year, three monographic courses will be available:

- 1) Properties of Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) and main techniques for their isolation and characterization (BIO/17 – 1 CFU) Prof. Monia Orciani;
- 2) Recombinant DNA Technology (BIO/10 - 1 CFU) Prof. Davide Sartini;
- 3) Fundamentals of diagnostic imaging technology (ING-INF/06 - 1 CFU).

Students are required to choose two of the monographic courses. In both years, two courses belong to the medical and clinical area and one to the engineering sector.

Professor Magi clarifies that in the coming years other monographic courses can be added to the study plan. Different courses can be rotated to increase the training provided.

4 - Quality improvement actions

The innovations of the monographic courses, that have been just introduced, are strictly linked to the quality improvement actions. The new monographic course “Properties of Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) and main techniques for their isolation and characterization” held by Professor Orciani will be supplied both to Medicine and Surgery and to Medicina e Chirurgia courses aiming to increase and strengthen students’ integration. In order to achieve the same purpose, classes will be held both online and in presence. Another quality improvement action, since a.y.2022/2023, has been to guarantee online lessons to students until the achievement of the residency permit.

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6 - Report on the meeting with production of goods and services' and trade associations

Professor Magi reports the meeting with the stakeholders of Medicine and Surgery, Medicina e Chirurgia, and Odontoiatria e Protesi Dentaria courses. It occurred on 16th March 2023 both online and in Faculty but unfortunately many guests didn't attend. During the meeting, Professor Magi, as President of Medicine and Surgery Course, presented the Course and specified the main differences between the new Medicine and Surgery course and the traditional Medicina e Chirurgia course. Participants particularly expressed their interest in virtual reality (VR), that is one of the main themes studied in the course.

Professor Sartini asked Laudadio to include the basics of organic chemistry in "Chemical basis of technologies" syllabus next year, a prerequisite to access the "Biochemistry" module.

7 – Any other business

Professor Magi reminds some rules of Professionalizing Training Activity:

- attendance is compulsory (100%);
- absences can be validated only in case of disease, medical examination, mourning and exam and must be always communicated by sending an email to gedap.medicina@univpm.it or a ticket with a proper document or certificate in [MED-Helpdesk](#) platform;
- catch-up activities will be planned and published online in the next weeks.

Professor is disappointed with the poor attendance of the Italian language course for beginners. In order to promote attendance, starting from Wednesday 22nd March 2023 the course will be held only online. She wants to be sure of students' awareness about the importance of a basic knowledge of Italian language, essential to attend PTA in local hospitals in the next years. Student auditors explain that they are not able to attend the course because of the huge amount of study. Online classes, as they are more manageable, could be a good option. In addition, students suggest organizing summer courses or providing teaching material to learn basic Italian language by themselves at home. Professor Magi is open to proposals and suggestions in order to encourage course attendance.

She also clarifies that Medicine and Surgery students can ask freshman tutors for information and recommendations about timetable, study plan, exams and classrooms. They are students who are available to help, guide, and support freshmen.

Finally, she reminds that 70% attendance must be achieved to take exams and that it is not fair to sign the attendance register for someone else.

Student auditors, on behalf of all Medicine and Surgery students, want to express that the general feeling is very positive, but they also would like to point out some fears and problems they are facing:

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- many teaching modules are joined in one integrated course so students are afraid because if they fail one teaching, they have to repeat the whole exam;
- some modules or monographic courses contain sections of the teaching material in Italian;
- the educational material is not sometimes well-proportioned to ECTS;
- since there are students of different religions, they ask to justify PTA absences scheduled on feast days;
- they request to change Biochemistry PTA schedule to have some days free of educational activities after the second exam session to come back their own home countries.

Professors reply that some issues are related to Faculty rules that can not be changed; however, they will check that the whole available educational material is in Italian and proportional to the teaching load. Moreover, Professors Vignini and Sartini, as Biochemistry PTA tutors, are willing to modify PTA schedule according to students' requests. Finally, professors agree with students' request about religious feast days.

Having nothing more to discuss, Professor Magi, President of Medicine and Surgery Course, puts an end to the Council at 2:15p.m.

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