Name:

Science Oversight Committee Members:

Ph. D. Objective:

M.D. Objective:

Roadmap of Coursework and Research

MS1:

MS2:

PhD coursework:

PhD exams:

* Comprehensive exam Summer
* Qualifying exam
* Proposal defense

PhD Dissertation Title:

MS3:

MS4:

Residency and beyond:

SOC meeting list: (add more as more are scheduled)

Date of meeting:

Things to Do or any other notes

***Science Oversight Committee (from Curriculum report)***

***Form a true scientific oversight committee for each student early in the program.***

At entry into the MD/PhD program, each student will select or be assigned a principal mentor (usually a clinician-scientist from the MD/PhD committee) and a **Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC)** to monitor his or her progress in the program. This SOC will assist the student in understanding and navigating both the MD and the PhD requirements for the program.

The SOC membership will be composed of the following:

1) mentor from the MD/PhD committee,

2) a faculty member from the program in which the student will (likely) pursue a PhD

3) an advisor from the MD program.

Early in the MD/PhD program, the SOC will work with the student to create an integrated roadmap of research and coursework to lead to graduation from both the MD and PhD programs. In consultation with the student, the SOC will determine the learning objectives for the student as well as the program requirements necessary for successful completion, in compliance with both medical school and graduate program requirements. This will include a formal consultation with the Program Director for Graduate Programs the student is considering. They will suggest a plan for PhD coursework, including which courses may be exempted or challenged.

At entry into the MD/PhD program, the SOC should meet frequently to become acquainted with the student and to help form his or her goals. For the first two years in the program, the SOC will meet with the student every six months to evaluate his or her progress in the curriculum and in research, and will assist the student to plan the next term(s). Once the student has chosen a Graduate Program, the Director of that Program will be invited to participate in the SOC.

Once the MD/PhD student has passed their PhD qualifying exam, they will immediately form their **Dissertation Advisory Committee (DAC)**.The composition of the DAC is described in the By-Laws of Graduate Council (IX.G.7). The DAC will replace the SOC, which will disband. One member of the SOC (who is also a member of Graduate Faculty) will be selected by the SOC to join the DAC ensuring continuity of advising and that the DAC includes a faculty advocate from the MD/PhD program. We believe that overlap between these committees will decrease the time to graduation by ensuring that the student is receiving consistent mentoring.