Holiday Policy Proposal for Years Three and Four –Effective: May 2009

A mark of the responsible physician is regular attendance at assigned duties. Students are expected to attend the courses and clerkships to which they are assigned on a daily basis.

Students must obtain approval for any excused absence or float holiday from their Course or Clerkship Director or their designee. In years three and four, students may take a total of five float holidays. The expectation is that students will use float holidays as personal time or for religious holidays not on the calendar. Students may use up to two float holidays in any four or six week rotation during their third year and in any four week rotation during their fourth year. Each clerkship director will determine if time needs to be made up by the student for an excused absence.

Clerkship students are to be excused from their clerkship responsibilities on all University holidays. Students on off-campus electives should conform to the holiday policy of the sponsoring institution.

Those observant students requiring early dismissal for essential holidays will let their Clerkship Director or Attending Physician know this at least two weeks in advance of the beginning of the clerkship and will be excused at least one hour before sundown on the evening prior to the holiday. The early dismissal times are not intended to be used for University holidays. Clerkship Directors should be flexible in meeting the religious needs of students of all faiths.