SUBJECT: AMENDED CHARGE FOR THE COUNCIL ON OSTEOPATHIC UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

SUBMITTED BY: Committee on AOA Governance and Organizational Structure

REFERRED TO: BOT Reference Committee 3

WHEREAS, the Committee on AOA Governance and Organizational Structure (CAGOS) received a request for clarification of the role and charge of the Council on Osteopathic Undergraduate Medical Education (COUME) from the Chair of the Bureau of Osteopathic Education (BOE); and

WHEREAS, the COUME had taken over the function of the Board of Trustees’ College Accreditation Standards Task Force with respect to review of the COCA proposals for changes to the accreditation standards and representation of the AOA on the AOA/AACOM COCA Standards Review Committee, but was not provided with a clearly stated path for reporting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the charge for the Council on Osteopathic Undergraduate Medical Education be revised as follows:

“Formerly KNOWN AS the College Accreditation Standards Task Force, the Council on Osteopathic Undergraduate Medical Education (COUME) reviews proposed changes to the COMMISSION ON OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE ACCREDITATION AND THE Standards Review COALITION, AND, AT ITS CHOOSING, MAY SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOE AS INFORMATION. The COUME reports to the Bureau of Osteopathic Education ON ALL ISSUES OTHER THAN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COCA ACCREDITATION STANDARDS. and is comprised of seven (7) AOA Board of Trustee members appointed by the AOA President and approved by the AOA Board of Trustees. The COUME members will also serve as AOA representatives on the AOA/AACOM COCA Standards Review Committee. THE COUME AND IS COMPRISSED OF SEVEN (7) AOA BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE AOA PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY THE AOA BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Explanatory Statement:
The COUME is the AOA’s Council with responsibility for policy related to undergraduate medical education. It is specifically charged with responsibility for reviewing and providing comment on changes to accreditation standards for colleges of osteopathic medicine proposed by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and is authorized to submit its comments directly to the COCA. In all other areas of undergraduate medical education, the COUME reports to the Bureau of Osteopathic Education.
Because the COUME is comprised of AOA Board Members, COUME members who participated in the drafting of policies from COUME must recuse themselves from voting at the Board of Trustees level on draft policy developed by the COUME.

ACTION TAKEN APPROVED

DATE July 25, 2019