SOM OP: 30.02, Student Work Hours

PURPOSE: The purpose of this School of Medicine (SOM) policy and procedure is to define the work hour expectations for students in the curriculum of the School of Medicine.

REVIEW: This SOM Policy and Procedure will be reviewed May 1 of each even-numbered year by the Educational Policy Committee. Revised versions of this policy will be forwarded to the Dean by May 31.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. **General.** The School of Medicine has the responsibility to develop and implement work hour policies for medical students, especially those on clinical clerkship rotations, in accordance with LCME ED-38. These policies should promote student health and education.

2. **Policy Considerations.**
   a. This policy applies to all clerkships on all campuses.
   b. Students should not be scheduled for on-call time or patient-care activities in excess of 80 hours per week. Students should not be scheduled for more than 30 continuous hours. Students should have at least one day off each week averaged over a one-month period.
   c. Overnight call and night float, if any, should have comparable frequency on all three campuses for any particular clerkship. Overnight call should also have comparable frequency within any particular department on a single campus. The clinical departments will determine the frequency of overnight call, but it should not be more frequent than every 4th night.
   d. It is anticipated that student attendance at clerkship seminars, conferences, and other didactic sessions will be facilitated by this policy and that provisions in this policy are not the basis for missing these sessions. Requests for excused absences from these sessions should be submitted to the clerkship director or his/her designees on an individual basis.
   e. Variances from this policy must be approved by the Regional Dean for Student Education and the Educational Policy Committee.