Highlights of Changes since BUSM’s 2011 site visit

Educational Programs

- Creation and implementation of new first year integrated foundational curriculum
- Expanded preclerkship course and module evaluation system
- Improved curriculum monitoring to supplement 3-yr Peer Review of courses, modules, and clerkships
- Increased Step 1 Preparation period by one week
- Implementation of the NBME’s Comprehensive Basic Science self-assessment exam in the 2nd year, prior to the Step 1 exam
- Established a “passport” model for all clerkships
  - provides a consistent record of completed requirements across all clerkships
  - audited centrally by the Office of Medical Education
- Creation of 3rd year selectives: Emergency Medicine, Radiology, and Research opportunities
- Ambulatory Medicine and surgery subspecialties changed to 4th year selectives
- Increased time available for 4th year electives; expanded range of electives available
- Implementation of improved searchable curriculum database
- Introduction of BUSM Physician Assistant program and integration into Interprofessional education activities.
- Introduction of Interprofessional Experiences with Curry College Nursing students and BUSM Dental students in Geriatrics clerkship
- Office of Clinical and Strategic Affiliations established under the Office of Academic Affairs
  - dedicated to building, expanding, and fostering current relationships with clinical sites
  - regular visits to existing sites to review feedback and provide faculty development
  - oversees the Kaiser Branch Campus
- Development of BUSM 30 (a mechanism for comprehensively reviewing the content of all 4 years of the curriculum through the lens of examining content that all graduating medical students should be able to comfortably navigate and discuss) to guide vertically-integrated curriculum

Branch Campus at Kaiser Permanente, in San Jose and Santa Clara, CA

- up to 16 students rotate in their third year clerkships
- five electives available to students in their fourth year
Office of Student Affairs

- New admin staff working directly with students
- Increased emphasis on student-dean interaction:
  - open door policy for the Associate Dean
  - open office hours
  - Dean on Duty for urgent/emergent issues
  - regular pizza lunches for students to meet with OSA deans with an open agenda
  - Book Club sponsored by the OSA
  - plans for Exceptional Stories initiative, similar to NPR’s Moth Radio
  - panel for second year students with OSA deans sharing stories of challenge and resilience
- Hands-on approach to advising students during residency application process:
  - Workshops for Personal Statement development and interviews
  - all students have a mandatory mock interview with an OSA dean
- Better communication with the Field Specific Advisors and chairs
- Redesigned advising program, pairing students with clinically active faculty who also precepts their IP discussion groups
- Enhanced shadowing opportunities
- Expansion of Service Learning Activities from 11 to over 20, and now a funding mechanism
- Wellness initiative partnering with students
- Student Health Services branch office located on Medical Campus, including mental health providers
- Streamlined and increased input for scholarship selection
  - comprehensive listing of scholarships available
- Office of Academic Enhancement:
  - established with 2 full time FTEs
  - proving all USMLE prep in house
  - Students are encouraged to seek advice and guidance early, not only if in academic difficulty
- Major school events now shared with all offices: Graduation, White Coat, Match – all shared celebrations with the participation of other offices.

BUMC IT Ed Media Support for Medical Education Programs

- Godley Digital Media Studio with BU’s Digital Learning Initiative grant-funded support for curriculum development
- Technology updates to Clinical Skills Simulation Center
- Incorporated Skype for Business for curricular use and continually coordinate with technical contacts in remote sites
  - facilitates connecting courses to remote guest speakers
  - allows remote Clerkship site students to stay active in didactics
- Addition of Live Streaming capabilities to support events: e.g., White Coat Ceremony (enhancement for families).
- Technology updates to auditoria and many classrooms and study rooms
- Full adoption of Computer Based Exams throughout the medical school
- Use of SoftChalk, Kaltura, Microsoft Mix, and Camtasia for instructional content creation and delivery

Construction and Renovations
- The Medical Student Residence
  - 104 two-bedroom apartments: in high demand by our first-year students
  - Features include: student gym, shared study area, music room, community garden, and basketball court
- The 11th floor Testing Center and computer classrooms
  - state-of-the-art exam administration
    - a video monitoring system
    - audio system for proctor announcements.
  - enhanced student study space
- Renovations throughout the Instructional building
  - lobby and adjacent informal sitting areas, with Peet’s coffee cafe
  - indoor and outdoor seating
  - informational TV monitors in common areas
  - classrooms and meeting rooms updated to provide flexible space
    - Renovation of L-110 and L-112 classrooms
    - New L-2 classrooms, hallway and lockers
    - McNary Center classroom and study room renovation
  - soft seating clusters throughout first and third floors and Evans Bridge
  - historical artifacts and graphics celebrating BUSM history throughout common areas
- Renovation of the Alumni Medical Library with expanded study space
  - expansion of electronic resources
  - increased resource staff and services
  - L-13 Quiet Study Space
- Expanded WiFi access, including in outside seating areas

Faculty Development
- Appointed Assistant Provost for Faculty Development
- Instructional Strategies Sessions
- Office of Medical Education Faculty Development Workshops
- Office of Medical Education Journal Club
- Resident as Teacher Workshops
Administrative

- Newly appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
  - New Director of Office of Medical Education
  - New Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Clinical and Strategic Affiliations and Director of Kaiser Campus
  - New Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Education
  - New Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Preclerkship Curriculum

- Newly appointed Associate Dean of Student Affairs
  - New Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Director of Office of Academic Enhancement
  - Two new Assistant Deans for Student Affairs who are mid-career clinically active MDs

- Expansion of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
  - Five new Assistant Deans for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
  - Working closely with the Founding Director of the Arts | Lab @ Med Campus to expand opportunities for Arts & Music on campus

- Newly appointed Chair for Medical Sciences & Education Department
- Associate Chair of Education added in the Department of Surgery