

Minutes

Dental Senate Steering Committee Meeting October 23, 2018

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Dental Dean's Conference Room, AG012**

Present: Drs. E. Reichenberger (chair), J. Agar, P. Epstein, E. Natarajan, F. Nichols, and T. Taylor

Excused: Dr. H.L. Aguila

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 12:07.

Approval of minutes: September 13, 2018

Minutes of the September 13, 2018 Dental Senate Steering Committee meeting were approved.

Comments on CONNcept Discussion in Dental Senate

A discussion surrounding the CONNcept model took place. Dr. MacNeil had pushed for the CONNcept model during his time as Dean and was met with resistance by some faculty. There is a concern that under this model, we will not be able to ensure continuity in the clinic experience. Another problem is how to standardize education experiences and give students an equivalent experience as students that did not participate. It is not just a process of treating patients. The work has to be evaluated and some faculty feel that it is not appropriate for AEGD residents to be the ones evaluating student performance.

One advantage of the CONNcept model is that there will always be faculty from every division on the clinic floor. In terms of referrals, the ability to have a consultation is easier, eliminating the need for the patient to schedule and reschedule appointments.

Agenda for Next Senate Meeting

The next meeting of the Dental Senate is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th at 11:30 am. Prior to the meeting, the bylaws of the Dental Senate and the three councils will be sent out for review. Agenda items for this meeting include the following:

- Formal introductions of Dental Senate members
- Update to membership: The department of Biomedical Engineering is now represented and Dr. Liisa Kuhn will be the senator. Dr. Tannin Schmidt is the alternate senator.

- Announcement of Vice-Chairperson election result
- Dental Senate Website
- Membership and Charge of Research and Academic Environment Councils

Update and Charge for the New Research Council

Members have been identified. The first meeting of the Research Council should take place in November. Possible charges for the Research Council include:

- Strategic research planning
- Possibly have focus groups for strategic research planning.
- Mentoring and help with grant writing (Christopher “Kit” Bonin is grant writer for the School of Medicine and we should explore whether he is also be open to reviewing grant submissions for the School of Dental Medicine).
- DCAA funding to researchers

Update and Charge for the New Academic Environment Council

The membership appointments of the Academic Environment Council are almost complete. A vote is currently underway to determine the representative from Craniofacial Sciences.

Possible charges for the Academic Council include:

- Industry interaction
- UConn Health partnership with outside entity and how this may affect the SDM

Charge for Council on Education

One potential charge for the Education Council is to continue to discuss CONNcept once planning progressed and Dr. Lepowsky presents updates within the next 6 months.

Other agenda items

There was question about SDM representation in a meeting at Storrs. Dr. Lepowsky sent out a request to see if anyone wished to attend this meeting as the SDM representative. We need to find out the set meeting time of this meeting to determine availability.

The next Dental Senate Steering Committee meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate