

Minutes

Dental Senate Meeting January 8, 2019

**11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Dental Dean's Conference Room, AG012**

Present: Drs. E. Reichenberger (chair), J. Agar, H.L. Aguila, S. Antic, M. Brown, I. Chen, J. Duncan, P. Epstein, R. Kelly, L. Kuhn, T. Liang, E. Natarajan, F. Nichols, T. Schmidt, and R. Stevens

Excused: Drs. J. Cotney, E. Dutra, A. Gopalakrishna, J. Piecuch, A. Schuyler, L. Song, J. Wagner, and Q. Zhu

Guests: Dr. S. Gordon

Meeting was called to order at 11:32 am.

Approval of last Dental Senate meeting minutes

The minutes from the Dental Senate meeting that took place on December 4, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Required changes to Dental Senate bylaws

The bylaws for the Dental Senate, Academic Environment Council, Education Council and Research Council need to be revised. The initial reason for the revision was the addition of the Biomedical Engineering Department.

In the past when revisions were needed, an all faculty meeting including basic sciences faculty was held. Full faculty meetings are run by the Dean.

It was recommended that 3-5 members of the Dental Senate get together to make recommendations for revisions to the bylaws. A full discussion will take place in Dental Senate and then a proposal will be brought to all faculty. Drs. Duncan, Kelly, Kuhn, and Nichols will meet for this purpose.

In the bylaws currently, a certain number of clinical faculty and basic sciences faculty are required to be senators of the Dental Senate. The rewrite should eliminate the "number" of representatives and instead have "equal representation across disciplines." We also need to engage students and residents to be a part of Dental Senate. Dr. Reichenberger will follow up with Dr. Lepowsky regarding the status of this.

Another issue that needs to be addressed with the rewrite is the wording of a welcome

package for new senators. A discussion took place regarding the appointment, selection or election of new senators to the Dental Senate. In the end, all senators are appointed to the Dental Senate.

Senate Chair report on Research and Academic Environment Committees

The first agenda item Research Council is student research funding issues. The Academic Environment Council will be meeting on January 24, 2019 for the first time. An agenda item for this council is whether or not we would like a department review.

Miscellaneous Items

Dr. Gordon is hosting an all faculty retreat on February 20, 2019. The next Dental Senate meeting will take place on March 12, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate