

Minutes

Dental Senate Steering Committee Meeting November 20, 2018

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

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

Excused: Dr. J. Agar and Dr. H.L. Aguila

Guests: Dr. R. Lalla

Meeting was called to order at 12:03.

Approval of Minutes: October 23, 2018

Minutes of the October 23, 2018 Dental Senate Steering Committee meeting were approved with minor revisions.

Agenda for Next Senate Meeting: Discussion on industry-sponsored research

At the last Dental Senate meeting, Dr. Bob Kelly talked briefly about industry relations with regards to management of financial conflicts in research. He will present on this at the next Dental Senate meeting scheduled for December 4th. The Management of Financial Conflicts in Research Committee is an institution-wide committee run by the VP of Research and its purpose is to ensure that there is no undue influence on research.

Update and Charge for the New Committee on Research

The first meeting of the Research Council is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 27th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The committee will meet on a monthly basis starting in 2019. We do not want to duplicate efforts of Administration or from Dr. Lalla's office.

Some items of interest may include:

- Research policies, including research's relationship with industry
- Grant funding for student awards
- Post award grant support
- Increased collaboration with different departments and Storrs
- Creation of an SDM instrumentation database and inventory
- Better access to innovative grants

The Research Council may utilize existing resources including resources of the Center of Open Research Resources at Storrs and of the Associate Dean of Research at UConn School of Dental Medicine.

Update and Charge for the New Committee on Academic Environment

The first meeting of the new committee on Academic Environment will be called, when charges have been defined. Two possible ideas were discussed:

- Department reviews
- Patient reviews and patient satisfaction in the clinics

Other Agenda Items

The bylaws need to be revised to reflect the addition of a fourth department to the Dental Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate