

Minutes

Dental Senate Meeting April 2, 2019

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

Present: Drs. E. Reichenberger (chair), J. Agar, M. Brown, I. Chen, J. Duncan, E. Dutra, R. Kelly, L. Kuhn, T. Liang, R. Manley, E. Natarajan, E. Ress, T. Schmidt, A. Schuyler, R. Stevens, and Y. Wang

Excused: Drs. H.L. Aguila, J. Cotney, J. Wagner, and Q. Zhu

Absent: Drs. S. Antic, P. Epstein, A. Gopalakrishna, F. Nichols, J. Piecuch, and L. Song

Guests: Dr. S. Gordon

Meeting was called to order at 11:31 am.

Approval of last Dental Senate meeting minutes

The minutes of the Dental Senate Meeting that took place on March 5, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Continued discussion on proposed changes to Dental Senate and SDM bylaws

Dr. Reichenberger provided a brief update to the Dental Senate regarding the Council on Academic Environment. The Council on Academic Environment is making good progress with discussions on department reviews. We hope to have further updates from the Council on Academic Environment, the Research Council and the Education Council this academic year for the Dental Senate.

At the last Dental Senate Meeting, we discussed the organizational structure of the School of Dental Medicine. In the bylaws, there is a listing of departments and divisions. It was suggested that this listing be part of an appendix rather than within the main document. Inevitably, there will be changes to the structure of the school in the future and setting up the bylaws this way allows us better flexibility without having to fully revise the bylaws.

Dr. Duncan suggested to replace the lengthy description of the departments and divisions with: "There shall be departments, divisions and sections based upon the operational needs of the School of Dental Medicine." A question was raised about terms of appointment for division chairs. The medical school has these, but it would warrant further discussion to determine if that is something we should have in the dental school.

The verbiage regarding senators being elected vs. selected was discussed. It was decided to use the word, “selected.”

There are senators that frequently miss meetings, excused or otherwise. The bylaws state that senators who fail to attend meetings will be replaced. We will update the verbiage to indicate unexcused absences and change the “will” to “may.”

We want to keep the wording open regarding the membership of the Dental Senate. The term “postdoc dental student” will be replaced with “dental resident.”

The Bylaws currently state that there needs to be full time faculty from all basic sciences departments at the SoM. To reduce the burden to SoM faculty (as we do not contribute to their FTE) it was suggested to remove the requirement for “all” basic science departments. It is important, however, to have representation from the medical school on the Dental Senate because it helps the Dental School from being in a silo. “There will be representation of the School of Medicine full time basic sciences faculty.” This needs further discussion.

We need to talk to Drs. Eisenberg and White whether more representation of SoM educators who are involved the M Delta teaching of dental students should be in the Education Council.

The bylaws will be distributed to the group for review prior to the next meeting.

Dr. Reichenberger will email the document to the group.

Miscellaneous Items

None

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate