

Minutes

Dental Senate Steering Committee Meeting April 30, 2019

**11:30 am – 12:15 pm
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Present: Drs. E. Reichenberger (chair), H.L. Aguila, E. Natarajan, F. Nichols, and T. Taylor

Excused: Drs. J. Agar, P. Epstein, S. Gordon

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2018 and March 19, 2019

Approval of the minutes of the December 18, 2018 and the March 19, 2019 Dental Senate Steering Committee meetings were approved as submitted.

Selection/retention of Senate members whose terms are expiring

Senate and committee members whose term will be expiring in June will be asked whether they want to renew their seat according to the Senate bylaws. Otherwise, new representatives will be selected.

Agenda for next Senate meeting - Update of Dental Senate bylaws

Dr. Reichenberger will put together feedback given by Senate members regarding the revision of Senate bylaws in one document and send out to the group for review. There is still some confusion about departments and divisions. Are there any specific thoughts about how many School of Medicine representatives we should have? It is important to have SoM faculty on the Dental Senate to create awareness of developments in both schools. For issues related to mDelta curriculum, Tom Manger and Christine Thatcher should, for example, be invited to the Dental Senate.

Should the Senate take up discussion on developing a policy on internal grant reviews before grants are being submitted? Dr. Aguila is in charge of a similar program in the Medical School where there has been some success with the program.

Should we build this mechanism into the pipeline of grant routing? Senior faculty could review grants out of especially junior faculty to increase the rate of success. The details of this can be worked out in the Research Council. Dr. Aguila will share a working plan that he has developed.

Kit Bonin can review grants from Dental School faculty as well if his schedule permits

The plan will first be presented to the Research Council and then to the Senate. The next Senate meeting will be devoted to completing the revision of the bylaws. Following that, the Senate will meet to further discuss department reviews.

Miscellaneous

Once we have the white papers from the retreat held in February we will propose new charges for the Academic Environment Council, the Education Council and the Research Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate