

Minutes

Dental Senate Meeting January 14, 2020

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

Present: Drs. E. Reichenberger (chair), S. Brocke, I. Chen, J. Cotney, J. Duncan, E. Dutra, A. Gopalakrishna, R. Kelly, S. Kurup, S. Lepowsky (ex officio), E. Ress, T. Schmidt (ex officio), A. Schuyler, and Y. Wang

Excused: Drs. S. Antic, D. Bayarsaihan, M. Brown, S. Brown, R. Clark, P. Epstein, L. Kuhn (ex officio), T. Liang, R. Manley, P. Maye, F. Nichols, P. Rungruanganunt, L. Song, J. Wagner, and Q. Zhu

Guests: Drs. E. Eisenberg, and E. Natarajan

Meeting was called to order at 11:32 am.

Welcome to New Members and Announcements

Dr. Reichenberger welcomed new members of the Dental Senate, including Dr. Steve Lepowsky, Interim Dean of the Dental School. In order to approve the revisions of the SDM bylaws it is important that the Senate membership is consistent with the current bylaws. Since the current bylaws have not been updated regarding BME as a new SDM department, Drs. Schmidt and Kuhn will be considered ex officio members until the new revised bylaws are approved. The existing bylaws are currently being revised based on suggestions from the attorney general's office. The goal is to create a document that will be useful for the next 10-15 years and can be updated as needed.

Alternate Senators for Craniofacial Sciences and Basic Sciences still need to be identified.

Drs. Natarajan and Aguila stepped down as members of the Dental Senate Steering Committee. Therefore, two new members need to be identified. The Steering Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. A vote will be conducted at the next Dental Senate meeting to determine the new Dental Senate Steering Committee members.

Approval of Dental Senate Meeting Minutes

The Dental Senate Meeting Minutes from the previous two meetings have been approved as submitted.

Updates from Research and Education Councils

Education Council Update

Dr. Ellen Eisenberg, co-chair of the Education Council, provided the Dental Senate with an update. The Education Council has been asked to review and approve new recommendations on the CONNcept model. CONNcept was supposed to launch in July 2020, but it has been postponed. The Education Council is happy to continue to review and approve when the time is right.

Another concern of the Education Council is ADA CERP guidelines and requirements. There will be more information regarding a Predoc curriculum professionalism update as well.

There have been no new proposals for international fellowships, but in the past, the Education Council has assisted Endo, Prosth, Perio and Pedo with this.

The School of Dental Medicine will soon begin preparing for the upcoming accreditation site visit. Education Council will assist in any way possible. Typically, the accreditation leaders review curriculum as part of the prep review. The Curriculum Management Committee will review changes to curriculum and then the Education Council will offer their feedback.

Research Council Update

Dr. Robert Kelly provided the Dental Senate with an update on the Research Council. The group met yesterday to discuss the development of a school-wide grant review process. Some of the benefits may include increasing rates of grant acceptance. It will be up to each department head or center director how they would like to handle this within their group. The plan is to have a review committee meet weekly or monthly depending on the flow of grants. It was suggested that the research office will assist with organizing the grant reviews.

The timeline for submitting grants to the review committee could look like this:

- The idea is proposed to the review group 8-9 months out
- Specific gains are shared with the review group 7-8 months out
- Four to five months prior to submission, the first draft of the proposal is provided and a discussion of both the content and the structure take place
- Three to four months prior to submission, a scientifically sound proposal should be in place. This is also the time for a grant writer to polish the proposal
- One month prior to submission, it is time to get the support letters
- Two weeks before submission, the Research office will circulate the necessary documents and if necessary, provide assistance uploading the grant submission

The proposal will be sent to department heads and center directors for feedback and a list of faculty that would like to be grant reviewers will be generated.

Dr. Lepowsky shared with the group that with the help of Dr. Lalla and the Research Office, the school has identified a mechanism to take advantage of the expertise of senior faculty. There is a limited budget and resources that could be provided to offer an incentive to senior members to participate in this review committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate