

Minutes

Research Council Meeting November 27, 2018

**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Dental Dean's Conference Room, AG012**

Present: Drs. R. Kelly (chair), S. Brocke, I. Chen, M. Hansen, R. Lalla, C. Lottinger, E. Reichenberger, and T. Schmidt

Excused: Drs. F. Nichols and T. Vella

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Welcome

Dr. Reichenberger welcomed the group and thanked them for their participation in the Research Council. It was agreed that the set meeting time for Research Council will be the first Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. In the event of a holiday, the meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of the month.

General Introductions

Dr. Reichenberger invited the members of the Research Council to introduce themselves.

Representation is still needed from Behavioral Sciences and from one of the Department Heads. Terms are for three years and can be renewed. The terms will be staggered.

Vote for Chair of the Research Council

Dr. Kelly was unanimously elected to be the Chair of the Research Council.
Congratulations Dr. Kelly!

Miscellaneous Items

The Research Council is the voice of the faculty. This Council should work in alignment with the research office of the School of Dental Medicine. This Council is a mechanism for the faculty to identify issues that need to be addressed and to identify solutions. It should not function in parallel but together with the research office.

Some focus areas of the Council on Research were discussed:

- Research funding for dental residents in masters programs
- Mentorship – The responsibility of mentoring is now left to division chairs, which may have resulted in uneven mentorship. How can we address this?

- DCAA – a defined percentage of DCAA funding goes to the PI and it is up to the division chair to determine how funds are used.
- Industry-related research – Dr. Kelly will be giving a presentation to the Dental Senate on December 4th on this topic.
- Deliberate research policies – The Dental Senate counts on advice from the Research Council. However, for the most part, research policies are university-wide.

The charge for this Council comes from the Dental Senate. Members of this committee can contact Dr. Kelly with agenda items prior to the meeting. Dr. Kelly will report periodically to the Dental Senate.

Additional items for the Council on Research include:

- 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
- Research seminars for collaboration purposes
- Message boards for “match-making” clinicians and researchers

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate