

Dental Senate Minutes
November 12, 2019

Present: Drs. A. Michael Brown, Hector Aguila, Justin Cotney, Jacqueline Duncan, Robert Kelly, Easwar Natarajan, Frank Nichols, Ernst Reichenberger, Patchnee Rungruanganunt, Tannin Schmid, Julie Wagner, Tom Taylor, Srdjan Antic, Raquel Manley and Adam Schuyler

Absent: Drs. Paul Epstein, Aadarsh Gopalakrishna, I-Ping Chen, Sharon Gordon, Liisa Kuhn, Steve Lepowsky, Liansheng Song, Yu-Hsiung Wang, Qiang Zhu, and Eric Ress

Guests: Drs. Tom Taylor, Eric Bernstein and Effie Ioannidou

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 am.

Dr. Reichenberger reviewed the progress in the review of the revised SDM bylaws. Drs. Reichenberger, Gordon and Nichols will meet with Alyssa Cunningham from the Attorney General's office to discuss her suggested changes to the current version.

Dr. Reichenberger noted that more members should be added to the Research Council. If possible, Dr. Bob Kelly should give a summary of the Research Council progress at the next Senate meeting. The December Senate meeting will include reports from the other two Councils as well.

A discussion developed on unsolved questions that cause increasing concerns by the Faculty and Senate members regarding evening clinics, hiring of Assistant and Associate Deans and the urgent need to replace faculty positions as well as administrative staff positions.

Given previous concerns brought to the Provost and the President by the Senate and others, the question was raised as to how the governance of the SDM by the Dean be evaluated.

After further discussions, a motion was made for a vote of no-confidence in Dean Gordon's ability to manage the SDM. For this motion, 11 voted yes and 4 abstained. A motion was made that Dr. Reichenberger and Dr. Nichols shall draft a letter to the Provost and President of UConn indicating the concerns of the Senate and informing them of the no-confidence vote. A motion was made authorizing this action.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate