

## **Minutes**

### **Dental Senate Steering Committee Meeting January 21, 2020 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Dental Dean's Conference Room, AG012**

Present: Drs. E. Reichenberger (chair), I. Chen, P. Epstein, S. Lepowsky, F. Nichols, T. Taylor

Excused: N/A

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Dental Senate Steering Committee meetings that took place in September and December were approved as submitted.

#### **New Steering Committee Members**

Drs. Natarajan and Aguila are no longer on the Dental Senate and therefore cannot serve on the Dental Senate Steering Committee. Two new senators are needed to participate on the Steering Committee.

The Dental Senate and the Attorney General's office are working together to revise the bylaws. Once revised, a vote for their approval will take place. Therefore, Dental Senate and Dental Senate Steering Committee membership must be up-to-date according to the current bylaws.

Dr. Lepowsky noted that there would be some value having someone from Craniofacial Sciences on the Steering Committee.

#### **Update on Committee Charges**

##### **Questionnaire**

The Academic Environment Council is working on a questionnaire related to department review. We are hoping to have a solid draft to present to faculty and leadership before the end of this academic year.

##### **Grant Review Process**

What we have so far for the grant review process is a rough draft. The Research Council needs to put the entire proposal into more detail so that it can be presented. We need to include mentorship of junior faculty and mentoring for grants other than NIH grants. Broader input is needed from the faculty on how this system should work.

Dr. Lepowsky will discuss with Dr. Lalla the idea of establishing a larger Research Advisory Council that could then also assist with grant reviews and fellowship proposals.

In addition, we need to find reviewers who are willing to participate as some junior faculty might feel reluctant to approach senior faculty for guidance on grants. This is one reason for improvement of a mentorship system that is already in place but not always applied. This needs to be addressed prior to the accreditation site visit and not just as a grant issue. All faculty are deserving of guidance.

The Academic Environment Council is working on a survey for department review. Separately, we need to have an environment survey for faculty, staff and students. It is important to maintain collegiality and respect. The Academic Environment Council should be involved.

Further discussion on CONNcept will take place at the Education Council meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Dental Senate