

Minutes

Dental Senate Steering Committee Meeting

September 15, 2020

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

WebEx

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

Meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm.

Approval of Dental Senate Steering Committee Minutes – July 21, 2020

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Voting for New Steering Committee Members

Nominations Received for Patchanee Rungruanganunt and Stefan Brocke

There are two nominations for new steering committee members to fill the seats of those vacated by Drs. Easwar Natarajan and Leonardo Aguila. Drs. Patch Rungruanganunt and Stefan Brocke have been nominated and both have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee. The group voted unanimously to approve the new members.

According to bylaws, we need a vice chair of the Senate and that person needs to be a member of the Dental Senate Steering Committee. The group voted unanimously for Dr. Frank Nichols to be the vice chair and he has accepted.

Update on Committee Charges

Department Reviews and Bylaws

Department Reviews

- The Academic Council has a revised version of questions for department reviews for faculty and staff and a separate version for students and residents. The revision is streamlined from previous versions. The document will be ready in a couple weeks for discussion in the Senate, the Dean's Council and the faculty at large.

Bylaws

- Dr. Bernstein is currently revising the bylaws to incorporate comments and suggestions from Alyssa Cunningham, formerly of the Office of the General Counsel. Within the next two weeks, Dr. Reichenberger is hoping to have a draft of revised bylaws.
- Dr. Lepowsky has requested a clean copy to review for further discussion and hopes to meet with all those that have invested their time in this to get a full understanding of the changes and what the drivers were in order to move things forward in a reasonable timeframe.

- Rachel Kalman has agreed to continue to serve as the resident representative. Brianna Alves has agreed to serve as the student representative.

Agenda for Next Senate Meeting

A major curricular initiative to expand the curriculum to emphasize more on ethics and professional behavior will be brought to the Education Council and Senate in the near future. It would make sense to expand ethics curriculum in terms of long term professional responsibilities.

Fifty percent of the providers in the state of Connecticut are UConn graduates. A recent statistic about disciplining providers shows that 83% of the cases was not related to quality of care but about ethics and behavior.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate