

Dental Senate Minutes
September 13, 2022
11:30AM – 12:15PM
Webex

Present: Drs. E. Bernstein, S. Lepowsky, F. Nichols, E. Reichenberger, P. Rungruanganunt , T. Schmidt, A. Tobin, F. Touloumi, A. Schuyler, Y-H. Wang, S. Brocke, S. Brown, D. Bayarsaihan, J. Rabat , T. Liang, J.Wagner

Staff: Ms. Darlene Gugliotti

Regrets: S. Kurup, C. Lottinger, J. Cotney, E. Dutra, I-P.Chen, P. Maye, S. Antic, P. Epstein,

Absent: S. Ruiz,

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

- Dr. Schmidt started the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their membership.
- There were no minutes to approve.

Senate and Council Membership:

- Dr. Schmidt asked Dr. Lepowsky for an update on selecting 2 new student representatives.
- Dr. Lepowsky update: The student appointments are for 1 year. Drs. Lepowsky and Bernstein will conduct elections over the next 2 weeks.
- Lisa Kuhn has stepped down as the BME representative.
- Dr. Schmidt will be following up with chairs of other councils to get updates on committee membership.

Update to Bylaws:

- Dr. Lepowsky: The meeting with the General Council is scheduled next week for changes to the bylaws. He gave an explanation of how the bylaws are adapted and explained that this process, due to the changes to the language, may affect another bylaws. The process is to make sure we are not violating our own standards. The target date for this process to be buttoned up is the end of the calendar year.

Accreditation:

- Dr. Lepowsky update: The chairs are working with Dr. Duncan on the self-study document. He explained the different document sections and the standards. John Brigada and Dr. Lepowsky are working on the financial portion.
- UConn has finished their strategic plan and the School of Dental Medicine will be developing its internal strategic plan based on this.
- All faculty meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 14th with an update of the process.
- Preliminary document will be available at the beginning of January
- Mock Site visits are being scheduled
- Document is due July 1, 2023
- Self-study will need to be submitted electronically and digitized
- The administrative support position previously held will not be filled due to lack of experienced applicants and the school is looking at other models of support.
- The school has not received a list of site visitors yet. A change from the last visit is there will be a limited number of disqualifications from the list for no reason.
- The school is looking at reports from other CODA site visits to identify particular areas of concern.
- All pre-doctoral programs are involved except for Oral Surgery because they have their own site visit.

- October 2023 is the scheduled Site Visit.
- Faculty will be receiving emails from the dean's office and Dr. Duncan to update their CV's and Bio Sketches.
- In further preparation for the actual site visit we will identify individuals for an interview team.
- Organizing prep sessions and mock interviews for faculty.

Future Associate Dean Updates

- The role of the Dental Senate is to gather information within the Dental Senate and then share with colleagues. Consider having Associate Deans come to Senate meetings and provide updates.
- Thoughts or Input: agree good idea

Miscellaneous Items:

- Dr. Reichenberger-Question regarding the current divisions being called departments in the future?
 - Dr. Lepowsky: The plan was to clarify our structure. The three super departments would be dissolved and in order for the divisions to become departments, the bylaws need to be accepted first.
- Dr. Lepowsky: In the code of conduct and professionalism in reference to other policies regarding student accepting gifts from patients, there is nothing to address students because they are not employees. Dr. Bernstein is working on language to address this and will share with the Dental Senate.
- Dr. Schuyler made an observation that with accreditation coming it would be a nice opportunity to digitize everything and to make sure it's stored properly for ease of access.

Motion to adjourn at 12:00PM – Dr. Schmidt. Dr. Reichenberger and seconded by Dr. Tobin

Respectfully submitted,

Tannin Schmidt, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate