

Dental Senate Minutes
November 8, 2022
11:30AM – 12:15PM
Webex

Present: Drs. Schmidt, Antic, Schuyler, Maye, Chen, Wang, Rabat, Tobin, Reichenberger, Kurup, Bernstein, Lepowsky, Rungruanganunt, Brocke, Wagner, Dutra, Ruiz

Staff: Ms. Gugliotti

Regrets: Brown

Absent: Lottinger, Cotney, Touloumi, Epstein, Liang, Nichols

Dr. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

Approval of Minutes

- Dr. Schuyler motioned to approve
- Second

Senate and Council Membership

- Dr. Schmidt-Up to Date membership on accreditation council
- No updates on student membership to the Senate and Councils. Dr. Lepowsky will share information with Drs. Schmidt and Bernstein
- Research council has no current chair. Dr. Lalla chairs the SDM research committee, which is different from the Council on Research of the Senate. Dr. Lalla will schedule meeting with Drs. Lepowsky, Lalla, and Schmidt to discuss Council on Research of the Senate

Education Council Policy of Distance Learning

- Dr. Duncan provided the senate for approval on what the education council passed in 2018 and reviewed and affirmed on 2022. The committee reviewed and discussed the policy
 - Dr. Kurup commented if the distance education is the correct term to be used or should synchronous/asynchronous be inserted
 - Dr. Lepowsky explained why the terminology “distance education” is used so it does not discriminate. This is an accreditation guided phrase. Distance education is a term used for synchronous/asynchronous learning
 - Dr. Bernstein explained the way CODA addressed distance education
 - Need to make sure we’re in compliance with CODA
 - When pandemic is behind us I’m sure CODA will review and make changes
 - Dr. Schmidt asked if it complies with technology synchronous/asynchronous
 - Dr. Antic asked whether protect students’ privacy and anonymity?
 - Dr. Bernstein-the material is kept so that no one can see it, ie: HuskyCT with login, links with waiting rooms, password protection and identity
 - We are delivering the content to them (students) and they are the ones who are actually receiving it.
 - Dr. Antic- They show up with a picture and name.

- Dr. Bernstein-Unless the student expressed that we can't use their image or name this is ok, the student can request anonymity and can keep their camera off.
- Dr. Schuyler-Is this policy in compliance when utilizing a 3rd parties technology?
- Dr. Bernstein-FERPA conscious of and aware of the 3rd party software services we use. If a vendor started to use this platform for advertising we would reach out to the vendor or stop using program if we had to.
- Motion to Approve
 - Schuyler
 - Maye seconded
 - All in favor no one apposed

Associate Dean Update: Dr. Eric Bernstein, Academic Affairs

Dr. Bernstein- Explanation of different committees in the Dental School

- CMC curriculum management committee- students evaluate the faculty involved in different didactical curriculum. Recording of the information and providing faculty feedback. Course review and evaluation
- APC-Academic progress committee answers questions student by student
- APC policy committee
- M Delta course called VITAL - undergoing renaming
- There were two board exams, now there is a new integrated single exam, students can challenge the exam in 3rd year and can move to promotion. Last year was the first year and we had 100 percent passage.
- Reaffirmed M Delta curriculum helped our students with this exam
- Explanation of the graduate student studies
 - cleaning up student registration in enrollment

Miscellaneous Items

No comments

Motion to adjourn at 12:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tannin Schmidt, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate