

Dental Senate Minutes
Tuesday, April 11th, 2023
11:30am-12:15 pm

Webex

Present: Drs. Tobin, Tadinada, Kurup, Schmidt, Schuyler, Bernstein, Cotney, Lalla, Antic, Wang, Reichenberger, Maye, Brocke, Epstein, Chen, Ruiz

Regrets: Lottinger, Lepowsky, Brown

Staff: Darlene Gugliotti

Dr. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 11:32 am

Approval of Minutes:

- Dr. Brocke approved motion to approve
- Dr. Tobin seconded, no opposed, no abstentions

Associate Dean Update: Overview of the Graduate Research Education and Training office

Dr. Aditya Tadinada, Graduate Research Education & Training

- Dr. Tadinada shared a slide show reviewing oversight on pre-doctoral dental student research program and Master of Dental Sciences.
- Dental school research is not a requirement for the dental students
- Some funding is available
 - They can present: Student Research Day, CSDA Annual Meeting, Yankee Dental, Greater New York, AADOCR.
- 2023 has 38 letters of intent to explore research opportunities.
- Refer to slide show regarding successes as well as opportunities for improvement

Dr. Reichenberger-Commented on IRB issue-A lot of studies students do are exempt from IRB approval, because of the time it takes to receive approval. The PI's would have to plan ahead of time for this to happen.

Dr. Brocke-Added comments as the Director of Scholarly and Discovery program for the Medical school. The medical school has dedicated IRB advisors to help the students get started with their projects. This advisor can provide them with the pertinent information in a half hour instead of the student researching IRB website. Some students do clinically oriented projects, so they need more sophisticated biostats. The medical school has dedicated IRB biostatisticians to guide students in the projects and help with using GraphPad. There is one 2nd year student who has already published two articles and about to complete a 3rd.

Hartford Hospital has twelve biostatisticians, we have one. We need more support in this area.

Dr. Tadinada agreed we need more resources.

Dr. Schmidt commented that some of his colleagues have been going to Hartford Healthcare because its easier to get things done.

Senate Research Council and SDM Associate Dean's Research Advisory group

- Discussion with Dr. Lalla -Dr. Schmidt presented the discussion explaining that Research, Education, and Environment council, and each have had a chair. Trying to identify deficiencies and report to the committee. Do we need a chair for each of the councils for the upcoming accreditation?
- Dr. Lalla-Senate research council exists in the bylaws and it's been inactive. Dr. Schmidt will reach out to Dr. Duncan; if someone needs to chair the other councils, someone will be appointed.

By Laws & Senate Membership status-Dr. Lepowsky is not available for update

Miscellaneous Matters-Nothing at this time

Motion to Adjourn at 12:01 pm

- Dr. Antic motioned to approve
- Dr. Brocke second