

Minutes

Dental Senate Meeting January 12, 2021

**11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Online Meeting**

In attendance: Drs. E. Reichenberger (Chair), S. Antic, M. Barndt, E. Bernstein, S. Brocke, J. Cotney, B. Irizarry, L. Kuhn, S. Kurup, R. Lalla, C. Lottinger, P. Maye, F. Nichols, J. Rabat, S. Ruiz, P. Rungruanganunt, T. Schmidt, A. Schuyler, J. Wagner, I-P. Chen, A. Schuyler and A. Tobin

Excused: Drs. S. Brown and S. Lepowsky

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 am.

Approval of Dental Senate Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2020

The minutes from the Dental Senate meeting that took place on November 9, 2020 were approved as submitted.

Bylaw Revisions

During the discussion of the latest revision by Drs. Eric Bernstein and Ernst Reichenberger, there were several comments and suggestions.

A concern regarding the following section of Article 3, Dean's Advisory Committee was brought up for discussion.

Composition: The Dean's Advisory Committee shall consist of the Dean of the School of Dental Medicine, who will serve as Chair of the Committee, and the heads of the departments of the School of Dental Medicine. At the discretion of the Dean, other administrative leaders of the School of Dental Medicine or School of Medicine may be members of the Committee. Members of the Dean's Advisory Committee shall not concurrently serve as members of the Senior Appointments and Promotions Subcommittee (SAPC) and shall not have served on the SAPC within a preceding period of 24 months.

The group agreed to delete the part of the sentence referencing members of the SAPC having to wait 24 months in order to then serve on the DAC.

A concern was raised that faculty depends on the nomination of the chair and the dean. What if a good candidate does not get the endorsement of the chair or the dean? We will review what university guidelines and SAPC guidelines state.

The group also discussed the appropriateness of the verbiage on page 9, article 2, Structure that reads, “There shall be departments, divisions and sections based on the operational needs of school...” Does this wording limit us to the current organizational structure? It was suggested that we update it to read, “The organizational structure shall be based on the operational needs of the school. “ A reference to the new Appendix G that describes the current structure is already made in that paragraph.

Dr. Reichenberger asked for additional feedback via email.

Miscellaneous

Welcome to Dr. Ani Tobin who is replacing Dr. Zhu in the Dental Senate. A replacement is needed for Dr. Michael Brown who has left the SDM.

We are working on updating the Dental Senate website with meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernst Reichenberger, PhD
Chair, Dental Senate