

Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Anton Alerte (3:36pm), Linda Barry, Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Pooja Luthra, Ellen Nestler, Anthony Vella, and Leo Wolansky.

Voting Members Excused: Drs. Kwame Amankwah, Francis DiMario, Denis Lafreniere, Christine Thatcher

Others in Attendance: Dr. Kiki Nissen, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, *ex officio*

Dr. Marc Hansen, Chair, Oversight Committee, and Dean's Council
Liaison

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dr. Leo Wolansky, seconded by Dr. Anthony Vella, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting.

Favor to approve: Drs. Linda Barry, Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Pooja Luthra, Ellen Nestler, Anthony Vella, Leo Wolansky

Against: 0

Motion Passed: 8:0

2. Governance Council and Committee Elections

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee updated council members on the upcoming faculty governance elections, including which seats are in the running. She encouraged fellow council members to reach out to anyone they think would be a good candidate for nomination and remind the council that nominations are due by 5pm on April 21st.

A discussion by council members followed, regarding faculty engagement in governance, historical trends in voting and participation, and the time commitment involved in various committees. Members

also discussed additional outreach, including sending information to chairs to send directly to their faculty.

Council and Committee Reports

A. Education Council

No update.

B. Public Issues Council

Dr. Linda Barry stated the executive summary on reproductive justice was still a work in progress, due to continuing issues, including the recent ban on mifepristone. They continued discussion on two Supreme Court cases, involving right to abortion and affirmative action. Dr. Barry also stated members discussed the topic of misinformation and how it can impact clinicians and researchers and discussed how to formalize addressing misinformation.

C. Clinical Council

Dr. Pooja Luthra stated several new initiatives were discussed: Cheers program, which is focused on helping clinicians meet productivity and efficiency goals, and also, department metrics and scorecard to make sure departments are doing okay.

D. Research Council

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee stated the council did not meet in April but was in discussion on data-sharing issues with grants and putting a data sharing and management plan in place.

Dr. Marc Hansen stated the two department reviews scheduled for 2023 were on track.

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Dr. Anthony Vella stated that the data management and sharing plan is looking at a program that is more hands-on, with the ability to provide much more metadata for users. He also indicated there is a survey going around on two software programs utilized at UConn Health and urged everyone to complete the survey in order to assess the degree of usage.

Dr. Barry thanked the School of Medicine for their support of and presence at the recent Student National Medical Association Conference, which was held in Hartford.

Adjournment:

By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Buccheri

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

May 15, 2023 / 3:30 p.m. Webex