

**Time:** 8:42  
**Location:** WebEx  
**Present:** Marc Hansen (Chair), Bruce Mayer, Kouroush Parham, Santhanan Lakshminarayanan, Cato Laurencin, Enrique Ballesteros, Jennifer Cavallari  
**Absent:** Yan Riqiang

### Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. 01/26/23

**Motion made, and seconded, to approve the minutes as written.**

**6-0-0 (Enrique Ballesteros and Jennifer Cavallari absent from vote)**

2. Old Business
  - a. None

3. New Business

- a. Status of SAPC amendment to bylaws

Pronouns will be removed from the bylaws and nouns will be used instead.

4. Standing Monthly Liaison Reports

- a. Clinical Council: Dr. Parham

Council meets next Tuesday. During the January meeting, several Faculty positions were approved for hire including one in Nephrology, one in Family Medicine, one Vice Chairperson and several Surgeons and two Neurologists. The Press Ganey survey, which survey's patients by an outside company showed a better overall perception from our patients. Financially, the two-year budget was to be released on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Overall, all entities are running favorable of budgets. The number of temporary staff is eating away at our budget. There are a lot of traveling nurses being hired, especially in the Operating Room which is very costly.

- b. Dean's Council: Dr. Hansen

Two months ago, the discussion was the empty space next to Clinical Assessments Skills lab. It will be renovated as class size have increased. There was a long discussion regarding climate change options and how to reduce UConn Health's carbon footprint to zero by year 2030. UConn currently has 486 tons of waste, of which, 286 tons are regulated medical waste. Last Monday was the March meeting. Dr. Liang announced that ninety nine percent of Medical Students matched with seventy five percent getting their top 1 of 3 choices. UConn has retained twenty-two UConn Students for UConn residencies mostly Internal Medicine. The council also announced The Board of Directors nominees. The Governmental Councils have opened, and elections will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council is trying to encourage as many people as possible to run for the positions.

- c. Education Council: Dr. Mayer

Dr. Mayer reported that the Education Council has had relatively light agendas the past several months. He therefore suggested to the chair, Dr. Nardino, that this month's meeting might be a good opportunity to discuss the Council's mission and goals with respect to how it is defined in the Bylaws. Council members agreed that since the work involved in developing the M-delta curriculum several years ago, the Council has been less active. Dr. Thatcher pointed out that much of the work of the Council is done through its subcommittees, and that the full council reviews the work of subcommittees and approves any new policies that they propose. Dr. Nardino noted that prior to his becoming chair, there had been a regular rotation of topics for discussion at each meeting, and that it might be good to re-implement this for future meetings. The Council agreed, and Dr. Nardino said he would work with the previous chair and the administrator to develop a schedule of topics for future meetings.

d. Public Issues Council: Dr. Ballesteros

The Council meets next Monday.

At the last meeting there was a lot of discussion about Affirmative Action, Race and the Supreme Court on missions for the Medical and Dental School, Graduate Programs, Fellowships and Residency. The Council is seeking data and outcomes. The Council supports more of a targeted effort to ensure a more diverse student population here at UConn Health.

e. Research Council: D. Hansen

Numerous complaints were raised about travel authorization turnaround time. It was also brought up that international travel is more difficult to get approved and that approval to fly out of Bradley is very difficult. It was mentioned that although JFK airport is cheaper on paper but not effective time wise. The Council wants to find out if it's possible to get exceptions from the authorization process to allow a more expensive ticket from Bradley. There was also discussion that the approval process is severely understaffed.

IT networks will be split up. Clinical will be separated from Research so that Research will not have problems dealing with all the additional HIPAA considerations on the Internal Network. The council also spoke about Institution wide software licenses that are available to Faculty. Bio Render is a popular program, but Individual Licenses are very expensive, so an Institution wide license will be looked at.

The new requirement by NIH is to have a data sharing program. There was discussion that the University come up with a data template. The University develop in collaboration with NIH. The University must sign off on data sharing plan.

The meeting adjourned 9:35 AM

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:30 a.m.

WebEx