

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Anton Alerte (3:48pm), Kwame Amankwah, Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Bruce Liang (4pm), Pooja Luthra, Adam Perrin (3:31pm), Anthony Vella, Leo Wolansky

Voting Members Excused: Dr. Denis Lafreniere

Others in Attendance: Dr. Marc Hansen, Chair of Oversight Committee, Liaison to Dean's Council
Ms. Donna McKenty, Senior Director of Finance and Administration for the School of Medicine, *ex officio*

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dr. Ernesto Canalis, seconded by Dr. Anthony Vella, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 meeting.

Favor to approve: Drs. Kwame Amankwah, Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Pooja Luthra, Anthony Vella, Leo Wolansky

Motion Passed: 7:0

2. Dean's Update

Dr. Liang stated the budget for FY 2024 was balanced, in part thanks to the state legislature removing legacy costs. He also stated for those who have philanthropic dollars as part of their endowment/endowed chair, the spendable portions must be spent down for academically-related research purposes, as per new rules in place from the UConn Foundation. Additionally, the new fringe rates are now effective on all new grants and should now apply to existing grants as well. Lastly, Dr. Liang stated that work on the second floor has begun, which will include new laboratory space, and everything should be ready next year.

3. Membership Updates

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee provided governance council updates, including Dr. Bruce Liang now serving as Chief Academic Officer of Education, which concluded Dr. Christine Thatcher's tenure on Dean's Council in that role. Dr. Germain-Lee also welcomed Dr. Adam Perrin as a new member of Dean's Council for the 2023-24 term, who will represent Public Issues Council.

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Council members held a vote on whether to hold the August 2023 meeting, and it was decided by majority vote to keep it on the schedule.

4. Council and Committee Reports

A. Clinical Council.

Dr. Pooja Luthra provided several space updates, including a new clinical site which opened in Simsbury, a move by Genetics to Avon, and a Geriatrics move on the horizon as well. Dr. Luthra also indicated there is a new scheduling system program called "Lightning Bolt" that will be in use.

B. Public Issues

Dr. Adam Perrin stated that there has been a change in leadership. Dr. Linda Barry finished her term as chair, and Dr. Jenna Bartley from the Department of Immunology was voted new chair. The council is working on a list of topics to address in the upcoming term.

C. Education Council

No update.

D. Research Council

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee stated that Dr. Chris Heinen attended the last meeting and provided information on commonly-used software licenses that are being approved on an institution-wide basis. He also detailed a new Core incentive plan available to investigators that provides grants for small pilot projects for testing new methodologies, developing new directions, and/or obtaining preliminary data for larger grants.

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Ms. Donna McKenty provided a brief budget update, stating they are waiting on final budget figures from FY 2023. Additionally, the School of Medicine Finance Department is working on contracts and adjusting for the new fringe rates that took effect, and also working on proposals for a tuition change for the fall.

Dr. Marc Hansen spoke on behalf of Oversight Committee, indicating they are preparing for the fall departmental reviews of Anesthesiology and Medicine, as well as the reviews scheduled for 2024.

Adjournment:

By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Buccheri

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

August 21, 2023 / 3:30 p.m. Webex