

Time: 3:30-5:00pm

Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Bruce Liang, Pooja Luthra, Helen Swede (3:33pm), Anthony Vella, Leo Wolansky

Voting Members Excused: Drs. Anton Alerte, Kwame Amankwah, Denis Lafreniere, Adam Perrin,

Others in Attendance: Dr. Marc Hansen, Chair of Oversight Committee, Liaison to Dean's Council

Dr. Kiki Nissen, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs & Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, *ex officio*

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 3:31pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dr. Leo Wolansky, seconded by Dr. Douglas Brugge, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 meeting.

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

Motion Passed: 7:0

2. Dean's Update

Dr. Bruce Liang indicated that the School of Medicine is working with university leadership and the General Counsel's office on guidance regarding the Supreme Court's recent affirmative action decision regarding admissions, ensuring areas are aligned. The process is ongoing, and Dr. Liang stated the School of Medicine will comply with the law but remains committed to diversity initiatives.

Dr. Liang provided a faculty recruitment update, and noted Dr. Margaret Callahan, graduate of our MD/PhD program, will be joining UConn Health as Division Chief of Hematology/Oncology at the Neag Cancer Center in December. He mentioned given her expertise, as well as the hiring of a surgical oncologist, UConn Health is exploring a cutaneous cancer center as a possible "destination" center.

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Dr. Liang also provided a brief budget update with the closeout of FY 2023, and the positive impact of the state legislature removing the legacy costs from UConn Health's budget.

3. Membership Update

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee welcomed Dr. Helen Swede as the new representative from Education Council serving on Dean's Council.

4. Council and Committee Reports

A. Clinical Council.

Dr. Pooja Luthra stated that Dr. Bruce Liang had provided a financial update at the last meeting. There was also discussion regarding measures to improve primary care outcomes at the population level and EPIC use updates.

B. Education Council

Dr. Helen Swede reported that the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee will have a kickoff event featuring an outside speaker, and Graduate Medical Education will be hosting a DEI speaker as well.

C. Public Issues

No update.

D. Research Council

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee stated there was no meeting in July; however, they have made progress on bench research updates, and at the next meeting the plan is to focus on clinical research advancements that have been occurring as of late.

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Ms. Donna McKenty provided a fiscal update, stating that the proposed tuition increase passed through the Academic Affairs Subcommittee and would be going before the full Board of Directors for approval at their next meeting on September 11, 2023.

Dr. Marc Hansen spoke on behalf of Oversight Committee, stating they will be meeting later in August. The group is focused on the departmental reviews of Medicine and Anesthesiology, which are taking place later this fall, as well as considering some potential bylaws changes.

Adjournment:

By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Buccheri

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

September 18, 2023 / 3:30 p.m. Webex