Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023

Time: 3:30-5:00pm
Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Kwame Amankwah (3:38pm), Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Pooja Luthra, Adam Perrin, Anthony Vella, Leo Wolansky

Voting Members Excused: Drs. Anton Alerte, Douglas Brugge, Denis Lafreniere, Bruce Liang, Helen Swede

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 3:34pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dr. Leo Wolansky, seconded by Dr. Pooja Luthra, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 meeting.

Favor to approve: Drs., Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Pooja Luthra, Adam Perrin, Anthony Vella, Leo Wolansky

Motion Passed: 6:0

2. Dean's Update

No update. Dr. Liang was not able to attend the meeting.

3. Chair Election

Dr. Germain-Lee led the discussion regarding electing the 2023-24 term chair, and it was decided to reach out to eligible members not present and ask if they had any interest in running for Chair of Dean’s Council. Once the candidate(s) was(were) established and all members notified, Christina Buccheri was to conduct an email vote and tally the numbers on behalf of the Council.
4. Overview of Charge

Dr. Marc Hansen provided an overview of the charge of Dean’s Council, as detailed in the School of Medicine bylaws. Dean’s Council has one of the broadest mandates and is responsible for recommending to the Dean the strategic policies and plans, as reported to them by the other governance councils of the School of Medicine. Dean’s Council may also be assigned tasks by the Dean, Vice President, and/or Board of Directors, and delegate to the appropriate council or form an ad-hoc committee to review. Lastly, Dr. Hansen stated that Dean’s Council is responsible for overseeing School of Medicine governance elections.

5. Council and Committee Reports

A. Clinical Council

Dr. Pooja Luthra reported that UConn Health would be opening a wound care and hyperbaric center in January 2024, and currently the bid and contract process is underway. Additionally, the home infusion project continues to move forward, and there was also discussion on ideas and outreach opportunities to increase revenue for FY25.

B. Education Council

Dr. Kiki Nissen stated that the council reported on the Consortium (hospitals involved in graduate medical education) exit survey, which was generally positive. Any issues were addressed with the assistant deans at the affiliated sites.

C. Public Issues

Dr. Adam Perrin indicated there was no meeting in August, so updates would resume at the September meeting.
D. Research Council

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee stated that Michael Centola, new Associate Vice President for Research Integrity, joined the meeting. Dr. Germain-Lee also stated that the electronic data capture system for research is transferring to an improved next-generation system. The group also had a discussion regarding better access to academic journals and will follow up to address ongoing issues.

Ms. Donna McKenty provided a brief update, indicating her office is working on completing the LCME survey that recently was issued, as well as starting negotiations with Trinity Health regarding several clinic site contracts.

Adjournment:

By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Buccheri

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
October 16, 2023 / 3:30 p.m. Webex