

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom

Present (voting): R. Nardino (chair), D. Choudhary, A. Delany, A. Frallicciardi, F. Dimario, C. Heinen, B. Kream, S. London, M. Sanders

Dean’s Liaison (voting): E. Nestler

(non-voting): M. Hurley

Excused (voting): K. Amankwah, K. Dieckhaus, Z. Lazzarini, S-J. Lee, A. Sanjay, H. Swede

Dean’s Liaison (voting): C. Thatcher

(non-voting): K. Dodge-Kafka, B. Mayer, J. Nissen

Guests: L. Barry, M. Held

NOTE: All votes are done with quorum present.

Topics	Discussion	Outcome/Action Items
Approval of Minutes	April 20, 2023	Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved 9-0-0.
Business		
None		
Informational		
Public Issues Council Report (L. Barry)	<p>Dr. Barry is the Chair of Public Issues Council (PIC) but will be rotating off for the upcoming academic year. The Council looked at COVID’s impact on women (particularly surrounding children and childcare) and on emotions, and their findings were presented to the Dean’s Council.</p> <p>Also discussed this year was the topic of reproductive justice, and the PIC will put out an executive summary that will be presented to other councils including EC for their feedback. Speakers on reproductive justice came to UConn, and the PIC discussed Connecticut’s responsibility as a blue state and ways to support colleagues in red states. With the anticipated Mifepristone ban, the Council spoke with Dr. Kream about the potential impacts on biomedical research, and they recommended that the medical school issue a statement on this topic.</p>	

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	<p>The PIC also worked with Dr. Kream and Dr. Hines to determine potential impacts from efforts by other states to minimize work in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. DEI work has been criminalized in some states, and PIC discussed ways to best to support colleagues in this area.</p> <p>Upcoming topics for the 2023-2024 academic year include: identifying and combating misinformation and how this contributes to provider burnout during patient encounters, gender affirming care, and medical marijuana. An ex officio position on the Public Issues Council is being created for a representative from Office of Multicultural Affairs (this would require a change to the bylaws).</p>	
<p>VESUM Update (L. Barry)</p>	<p>The Visiting Externship for Students Underrepresented in Medicine (VESUM) program is a pathway to recruit rising fourth-year medical students for visiting electives at UConn Health. During the 2022-2023 academic year, the VESUM program accepted 20 out of 35 applicants for visiting rotations. Currently in its sixth year, three participants from the VESUM program have matched into UConn residencies. VESUM works on institutional efforts in the area of inclusion and was instrumental in creating the responding to biased patients policy. Dr. Barry provided talks to other departments on implicit bias and how best to address this in clinical and educational settings.</p> <p>Dr. Henderson had previously developed a pathway program for residents going into academic medicine and teaching; Dr. Barry is working on updating this program and offering it again.</p> <p>The Office of Multicultural Affairs has a Diversity Council, which is made up of faculty, students, postdocs, and residents who provide recommendations to the Dean. Each clinical department has a diversity champion to make the Council aware of issues and provide potential solutions. A diversity plan is being created for the medical school. The UConn School of Medicine was one of 100 institutions who participated in a DICE survey through the AAMC; the results of this survey indicated room for improvement. The OMCA will be expanding during the upcoming academic year.</p>	
<p>Standing Monthly Reports</p>		

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CUME	<p>Dr. Regan presented a draft to change the student transfer policy. CUME provided some suggestions and Dr. Regan will present an updated policy to CUME and EC in the near future.</p> <p>Dr. Lazzarini proposed extending the LAUNCH session by two additional days to incorporate additional academic sessions. CUME unanimously approved the extension.</p>	
GME	<p>GME had excellent participation at both the regional residency fair at Howard University and at the SNMA meeting in Hartford.</p>	
GPC	<p>No report.</p>	
MD/PhD	<p>No report.</p>	
CME	<p>Drs. Thatcher, Manickaratan, and Christine McNally are on their way back from the ACCME annual meeting where they presented a workshop reflecting the model used to provide CME for Multidisciplinary Tumor Boards and Morbidity and Mortality Conferences.</p> <p>CME's computer system is still pending, but they are guardedly optimistic. They have extended the current arrangement, however.</p> <p>CME is working through the regularly scheduled series renewals and continue to see new programs being developed. They are also working to provide CME credit for opioid training to support the new DEA requirement which is being developed by the Comprehensive Pain team. There is both journal based and internet point of care opportunities to support that training currently available.</p>	
Dean's Council	<p>Dean's Council reviewed the recent council election results and had a presentation of the Annual Institutional Review. This last report highlighted several areas that included the ACGME resident survey results, accreditation status, GME workforce survey, GME trainee outcomes, COVID incurred resident quarantine time, the faculty and resident burnout survey and the institutional climate survey responses regarding harassment, witnessed or experienced.</p>	
For the next/future meeting(s):	<p>Graduate Update (B. Kream, K. Dodge-Kafka, M. Held) Transfer Admissions Update (T. Regan)</p>	Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: *June 15, 2023, via Zoom*

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