

June 15, 2023

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom

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

Dean's Liaison (voting): C. Thatcher

(non-voting): M. Hurley, E. Nestler, J. Nissen

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

Dean's Liaison (voting): None

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

Guests: M. Held, T. Regan

NOTE: All votes are done with quorum present.

Topics	Discussion	Outcome/Action Items		
Approval of Minutes	May 18, 2023	Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved 9-0-0.		
Business				
Transfer Admissions Update (T. Regan)	The UConn School of Medicine does not have a formal transfer policy; the previous transfer procedure was based on the legacy curriculum. The longitudinal nature of the new MDelta curriculum makes it difficult for outside students to transfer into the School of Medicine. Currently there has not been room for transfer students, and with class sizes increasing this year there is decreasing likelihood that there would be space for transfer students in the future. The by-laws state that the Admissions Committee has the final say on admitting students, however the Committee wanted to get feedback from CUME, EC, and other potential stakeholders. CUME assisted with drafting this new policy, which would align UConn with other medical schools in formally not allowing transfer students. Only 18 out of 155 medical schools currently accept transfers. Discussion was held about the potential for exceptions for UConn dental students who decide that medicine might be a better fit or MD/PhD students who may be transferring to UConn along with a faculty advisor who was recruited from an outside institution.	None		

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Informational				
Graduation Update (B. Kream)	The Graduate School holds three degree conferral dates each year. 65 graduate students attended commencement this year (primarily from the Public Health, Dental Science, and Biomedical Science programs). There were 84 total graduates this year across all programs. PhD graduate outcomes (including the time-to-degree and time-to-position) are being tracked, and the Graduate School will be completing a report over the summer.			
Wellness Across the Continuum Discussion	The Graduate School Council at Storrs provides a one-hour interactive online training for faculty, staff, and students on how to identify mental health issues in students. Dr. Kream highly recommended this training module. Half-day retreats are being held for staff in UME with wellness representatives from Human Resources; activities include team-building exercises.	Invite wellness experts in UME, GME, Graduate School to EC for updates (Adam, Wendy, UConn Health Wellness Committee)		
Standing Monthly Reports				
CUME	CUME unanimously approved a Scholarship and Discovery proposal for Stage 1 to have one unified deadline for project submissions.			
GME	Orientation for 166 incoming residents was held this week along with a simulation procedures bootcamp. Orientation for incoming fellows will be held in early July. The Capital Area Health Consortium had a community service award that was provided to Jasmin Hundal (General Internal Medicine fellow) and Joselyn Miller (Emergency Medicine resident) for their efforts in caring for the community. Non-Standard Training program accreditation was approved by the ACGME. Four of eight programs were approved by GMEC. Program Director changes were also recently approved by GMEC: Adam Lindsey (Orthopedics), Alex Golden (Pediatric Cardiology), Sunitha Sura (Pediatric Endocrinology), and Parth Shah (Vascular Surgery fellowship).			
GPC	The GPC is meeting next week. The Biomedical Science program had a curricular change for first-year students which moved all required rotations to the first year.			

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	The Graduate Student Association has been very active and is holding in-person events regarding student well-being and mental health.	
MD/PhD	No report.	
CME	CME is wrapping up their academic year and renewing RSS's and Grand Rounds programs going forward. Drs. Thatcher, Manickaratnam, and Christine McNally just attended the national meeting and presented a lecture on using the committee model for CME.	
Dean's Council	Dean's Council is meeting next week.	
For the next/future meeting(s):	Send updated meeting link to new attendees, update distribution list.	Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: July 20, 2023, via Zoom