

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Anton Alerte, Jenna Bartley, Audrey Chapman, Kirsten Guertin, Jaclyn Olsen-Jaeger, Adam Perrin, Linda Shapiro, Andrea Shields, Jody Terranova, Kristyn Zajac and Ms. Polum

Voting Members Excused: Drs. Michael Grey, Howard Gutstein

Others in Attendance: Dr. Enrique Ballesteros

Dr. Bartley called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Dr. Shapiro, seconded by Dr. Perrin, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 meeting.

Favor to approve: Drs. Bartley, Guertin, Olsen-Jaeger, Perrin, Shapiro, Shields, Terranova, Zajac and Ms. Polum

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Passed: 8:0

2. Update from Deans Council

Dr. Perrin reported updates from the Deans Council. Dr. Emily Germain-Lee was voted to continue as chair of the council. Reported update from Clinical Council, Dr. Pooja Luthra explained a new wound care clinic is opening in 2024. Reported update from Education Council, Dr. Helen Swede conveyed demographics and data regarding the incoming School of Medicine class. No other updates from other committees or councils were reported. Dr. Germain-Lee explained all the committees and councils will review their operating guidelines and bylaws in effort to make them all more uniform, more details to follow.

3. Update from the Oversight Committee

Dr. Ballesteros reported no updates from the Oversight Committee.

4. Discussion of SCOTUS affirmative action ruling and implications at UConn and UConn Health

Dr. Jeffrey Hines provided a presentation on the SCOTUS affirmative action ruling and UConn Health's mission statement which aligns with University of Connecticut. He communicated essential information on what the ruling states and how it will affect UConn and UConn Health.

Dr. Hines briefly identified the history timeline of where and how this decision was grounded. He expressed UConn's strong commitment to diversity and how we will be compliant and adapt to changes as they come going forward. He further explained the importance of having a diverse medical workforce which brings significant evidence base benefits to vulnerable populations, specifically in access to care, health outcomes, and the money that can be saved due to health inequities. Dr. Hines described some of the immediate and long-term tactics, explicitly for UConn and UConn Health as well as what could be at risk or may become at risk in the future. The committee ensued in conversation of the SCOTUS affirmative action ruling, implications, and risks.

Adjournment:

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2023

Motion made by Dr. Shapiro, seconded by Dr. Perrin, the meeting was adjourned, and concluded at 4:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sullivan

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

November 27, 2023

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