

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Anton Alerte, Jenna Bartley, Audrey Chapman, Kirsten Guertin, Adam Perrin, Andrea Shields

Voting Members Excused: Drs. Michael Grey, Howard Gutstein, Jaclyn Olsen-Jaeger, Linda Shapiro, Jody Terranova, Kristyn Zajac

Voting Members Absent:

Others in Attendance: Dr. Linda Barry

Dr. Bartley called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes will be voted on via email as there were not enough members present for a quorum.

2. Update from Deans Council

Dr. Perrin reported from the Deans Council updates regarding a discussion on the recent SCOTUS decision and whether it applies to employment versus admissions. Legal counsel reported that it prohibits race and ethnicity as a tool for school admission, but employment remains unchanged.

3. Update from the Oversight Committee

No update from Oversight Committee due to Dr. Ballesteros absent from today's meeting.

4. Welcome New Council Members

A brief introduction of each of the council members ensued with new council members: Drs. Chapman and Guertin.

5. Update on New Ex-Officio Position for Office of Multicultural & Community Affairs

Dr. Barry previously presented a vision to create an ex officio committee member seat for the Office of Multicultural & Community Affairs (OMCA) office who would be a resource for applying a DEI lens to the issues considered by PIC since there is not one currently. Last meeting the committee voted and agreed to establish an ex officio non-voting member seat based on information from the Oversight Committee that ex officio members could only be non-voting members of the PIC. However, since last meeting, we have been informed that there is no precedent for ex officio members to be non-voting only. The committee discussed the importance of the PIC having an OMCA ex officio member with voting rights. Thus, we will put forward to the Oversight Committee to establish an ex officio voting member. Another vote was taken to include new council members.

Motion made by Dr. Bartley, to vote on making an ex officio voting seat for Office of Multicultural & Community Affairs on Public Issues Council.

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2023

Favor to approve: Drs. Anton Alerte, Jenna Bartley, Audrey Chapman, Kirsten Guertin,
Adam Perrin, Andrea Shields
Against: 0
Motion Passed: 6

6. Round Table

A Discussion ensued regarding the list of topics for discussion in 2023-2024 and the prioritization. The council agreed the goal this year is to discuss different topics within the Public Issues space and make recommendations for UConn Health to then proceed with an executive summary to Dean's Council and Oversight Committee. The topics include SCOTUS decision on affirmative action for college admissions, gender and gender identity issues, parental rights vs rights of minors, mental health care for minors, politization in medicine, health disparities, medical misinformation, legalization of marijuana reproductive health rights given Roe vs. Wade decision, and access/inequity for certain medications such as medical marijuana and newer weight loss medications.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Dr. Bartley, seconded by Dr. Alerte, the meeting was adjourned, and concluded at 4:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sullivan

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Aug 28, 2023

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