

Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Anton Alerte, Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Adam Perrin

Voting Members Excused: Drs. Kwame Amankwah, Denis Lafreniere, Bruce Liang, Pooja Luthra, Helen Swede, Anthony Vella, Leo Wolansky

Others in Attendance: Dr. Marc Hansen, Chair of Oversight Committee, and Liaison to Dean's Council
Dr. Kiki Nissen, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, and
Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, *ex officio*
Dr. Jenna Bartley, Chair of Public Issues Council

Non-Voting Members Excused: 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 3:32 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Dr. Douglas Brugge, seconded by Dr. Ernesto Canalis to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting.

Favor to approve: Drs. Anton Alerte, Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Pooja Luthra

Against: 0

Motion Passed: 5:0

2. Dean's Update

There was no update by the Dean, as Dr. Bruce Liang was unable to attend.

3. Council and Committee Reports

A. Public Issues

Dr. Adam Perrin stated that the group discussed the council's operating guidelines, as well as the SCOTUS affirmative action ruling. Dr. Perrin also stated that they acknowledged the importance of a diverse workforce and talked about efforts on how to proceed proactively, which

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included thoughts on more diverse recruitment and outreach, starting outreach in medical school, as well as existing programs at UConn Health to support a strong pipeline. The group will focus on compiling a list of programs at the Health Center and working towards a goal of them having unified presentations online so that students can find the information easily, as well as figure out any missing parts in the present offerings.

B. Clinical Council

Dr. Pooja Luthra provided several updates, including that the new 2024 CPT and ICD codes are in place and departments will be notified moving forward. Additionally, a number of specialties have moved to new locations and that has created some movement of groups within the main building. For example, Rheumatology has moved to the third floor. Financially the Health Center had a break-even budget for the first three months of the fiscal year, led by JDH and UMG clinical operations. Lastly, Dr. Luthra stated that several standing orders were approved for users in MyChart.

C. Education Council

Dr. Helen Swede was not in attendance to provide an update; however, Dr. Kiki Nissen stated that the Graduate Medical Education group gave their annual report.

D. Research Council

Dr. Emily Germain-Lee stated that the group continued to discuss what to do when researchers from outside institutions post ads at UConn for research approved by their own institution's IRB but not UConn's. The group learned that there are very strict vetting criteria at UConn for posting outside studies, so moving forward there will not be any issues regarding clarity. Dr. Victor Hesselbrock will help outline clear criteria moving forward. Finally, Dr. Anthony Vella discussed the strategic plan regarding research.

Dr. Jenna Bartley joined the meeting and provided background information on Public Issues Council, for which she is presently chair. The group is comprised of a mix of members from various backgrounds, and there were questions

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about whether a designated seat (representative from affiliated hospital) needed to be held specifically by a faculty member or whether the seat could be filled by any affiliated hospital representative who would add expertise to the council. Nothing is explicitly stated in the operating guidelines or School of Medicine Bylaws regarding this issue. Dr. Bartley asked for Dean's Council's guidance. Dr. Bartley also spoke about adding a faculty member seat from the Office of Multicultural and Community Affairs to Public Issues Council, which would be new to the council.

There was a lengthy discussion by the group with clarification provided by Dr. Marc Hansen, Chair of Oversight Committee, and also by Dr. Kiki Nissen. Dr. Bartley will send her council's revisions of the operating guidelines to Dean's Council in order to clarify the issue of the affiliate member, and these will be updated accordingly after approval by Dean's Council in the future (tentatively at the next meeting of Dean's Council). In terms of the new addition of implementing a faculty member seat from the Office of Multicultural and Community Affairs to Public Issues Council, this would involve a change in the Bylaws. Therefore, Public Issues Council will discuss this potential new addition further with the Oversight Committee.

Dr. Marc Hansen provided an update on behalf of Oversight Committee, indicating they discussed some issues about operating guidelines differing from council to council. Their group also discussed whether a designated representative could take on the role of a Type II Center Director for councils and committees, specifically due to the difficulty of having a limited number of center directors. The group decided that the unique perspective and constituency provided by the center directors and chairs was important and declined to agree on allowing representatives to fill in for those positions on councils and committees.

Adjournment:

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14pm.

Favor to approve:	Drs. Anton Alerte, Douglas Brugge, Ernesto Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Adam Perrin
Against:	0
Motion Passed:	5:0

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Buccheri

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2024 / 3:30 p.m. Webex
School of Medicine