

PUBLIC ISSUES COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm Location: Webex

Voting Members Present: Drs. Thomas Agresta, Anton Alerte, Jenna Bartley, Kirsten Guertin,

Jaclyn Olsen-Jaeger, Adam Perrin, Jody Terranova, and Ms. Deb

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Voting Members Excused: Drs. Audrey Chapman, Linda Shapiro, Andrea Shields, and Kristyn

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Voting Members Absent: Drs. Michael Grey and Ms. Carolyn Alessi

Others in Attendance: Dr. Enrique Ballesteros

Non-Voting Members Absent: Dr. Linda Barry

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

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ms. Polum seconded by Dr. Agresta to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024, meeting.

Favor to approve:

Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion Passed: 8:0

- 2. Update from Deans Council presented by Dr. Perrin focused on Dr. Liang announcing an outside firm has been hired by Office of Policy and Management to provide a market analysis on the clinical side to provide opportunities to strengthen UConn Health Center. Another update regarding several departments have moved which include Neurology to the new Spine Institute and Womens' Health has relocating within the Outpatient Pavilion.
- 3. Dr. Ballesteros reported that there is no update from the Oversight Committee.
- 4. Dr. Bartley announced that Dr. Perrin's term will be ending, the current Dean's council representative for Public Issues and the committee will need to vote on a new senior rank member. The committee has decided to wait to vote until the new cycle begins with new members.
- 5. Operating guidelines were discussed briefly, and it was recommended by Dean's Council to review and edit. Clarifying details need to be determined: when the chair will be elected, the chair's term, and Dean's Council representative. There is no current precedence, and the committee can decide what is best. Committee/councils cycle start in July, but most voting usually starts in September when there is more attendance. A further discussion ensued regarding if voting for chair will be a yearly or the chair will hold the position for their term (three-years). The committee decided to wait until September to discuss further and vote.
- 6. SCOTUS Affirmative Actions Executive Summary will be delayed till next meeting to obtain more detailed feedback.
- 7. Discussion ensued regarding vaccine misinformation and goals for another Executive Summary.

The committee made many suggestions for speakers to invite to upcoming meetings regarding this topic. It was discussed that content experts regarding misinformation of vaccines include experts on infectious disease for adults and children.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Dr. Bartley, seconded by Dr. Alerte, the meeting was adjourned, and concluded at $4:41\ PM$

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sullivan

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

June 24, 2024

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