

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom

Present (voting): S. Angus (Chair), L. Chirch, S. Crocker, A. Delany, P. Epstein, M. Eugene, V. Forbes, R. Guzzo, B. Kream, S-J. Lee, P. Luthra, A. McDermott, A. Sanjay, C. Steele

(non-voting): K. Claffey (for J. Cavallari), M. Hurley, J. Nissen

Excused (voting): M. Held, S. Manickaratnam

(non-voting): K. Dodge-Kafka

Guests: B. Liang

NOTE: All votes are done with quorum present.

Topics	Discussion	Outcome/Action Items
Approval of Minutes	April 16, 2026	Motion to approve minutes. Seconded. Approved with one abstention.
Business		
None		
Informational		
Step 1 and Step 2CK Data (C. Steele)	Dr. Steele presented the annual review of Step 1 and Step 2CK data. Overall, UConn SOM's Step 1 school pass rate is above the national pass rate for first time test takers for the last three years. Notable improvements include increase in section trends in the areas of physician tasks, biochemistry, genetics, and pharmacology. Content areas whose scores declined include reproductive system, respiratory, gross anatomy and embryology, histology and cell biology, microbiology, and pathology. The first-time test taker results for Step 2CK are also at or above the national mean of 98% for each of the last three years. Content areas that have improved on Step 2CK include GI, multisystem processes and disorders, respiratory, and pregnancy. Subject areas with challenges include medicine, behavioral health, pediatrics, surgery, diagnosis, and health maintenance.	

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Institutional ACGME Surveys (S. Angus)	Dr. Angus presented the institutional ACGME survey results for the residency and fellowship programs at UConn Health. 563 faculty members responded, and 99% evaluated the program somewhat or very positively. Of the 790 residents and fellows who responded to the survey, 90% evaluated their program as somewhat or very positive. The institutional compliance percentage remains near or above the national compliance percentage in most domains.	
Standing Monthly Reports		
CUME	Medical student tuition increases were approved by the Board of Trustees in a special session last Friday. A 3.5% increase was initially requested but after students expressed concern, this amount was decreased to 2%. UConn is also returning a portion of this increase to students by offering a travel stipend of \$750/student for presentations, as well as providing vouchers to offset the cost of shelf exams. SOM is working with the financial aid office to provide information about medical student loans.	
GME	See Institutional ACGME Surveys informational item above. ACGME surveys were received for training programs as well as the institution. Onboarding and orientation preparation are in full swing, with the first GME orientation for new residents and fellows being held on June 15.	
GPC	The GPC met on 5/19 and focused on admissions. They have a full slate of graduate students: 20 accepted, 18 supported with HICREC and 2 funded externally. - Admissions Data Summary (2026): - Applications reviewed: 349 (65% US; ~37 applications per reviewer) - Interviews conducted: 128 (36% of applications; 69% US) - Offers extended: 50 (including 3 transitioned from DS to GPC); 47 candidates waitlisted - Acceptances: 20 total (18 through GPC, 2 with direct support; 75% US) - Following updates from the individual programs, the primary discussion focused on the Biomedical Science Area of Concentration Directors' meeting on admissions. This remains an ongoing discussion, with the committee addressing several topics in detail: - Strategies to better highlight and promote the graduate program	

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	○ Potential engagement with the media/communications department to enhance visibility of the graduate program ○ Review of factors contributing to low enrollment in certain Areas of Concentration • Additional committee business: ○ The GPC committee is seeking nominations for Vice Chair for a two-year term, followed by 2 years as the Chair. The election is expected to be held later next month by email. The new term will begin in July.	
MD/PhD	The MD/PhD program's goal for the upcoming year is to enroll six students. They currently have five at Commit to Enroll, and one still at Plan to Enroll. The deadline to formally Commit is May 21. Additionally, the MD/PhD program has started to plan their yearly retreat. It will be held at 400 Farmington Avenue on July 30.	
CME	No report.	
Dean's Council	Dr. Liang discussed a hiring freeze for new faculty. The Dean is hopeful this will be remedied by next year. Aetna and Cigna renegotiations have been approved.	
For the next/future meeting(s):	MMT Report (June; C. Thatcher) Operating Guidelines/Bylaws Review (TBD) Strategic Plan Review (TBD)	Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: *June 18, 2026, via Zoom*