

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom

Present (voting): S. Crocker, A. Delany, P. Epstein, M. Eugene, R. Guzzo, B. Kream, P. Luthra, S. Manickaratnam, A. McDermott, A. Sanjay, C. Steele

(non-voting): K. Dodge-Kafka, M. Hurley

Excused (voting): S. Angus, L. Chirch, V. Forbes, M. Held, S-J. Lee

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

Guests: C. Thatcher

NOTE: All votes are done with quorum present.

Topics	Discussion	Outcome/Action Items
Approval of Minutes	May 21, 2026	Motion to approve minutes. Seconded. Approved with one abstention.
Business		
None		
Informational		
Missions Management Tool (MMT) Report (C. Thatcher)	Dr. Thatcher presented the annual Missions Management Tool (MMT) report, which provides an overview of 48 measures across six mission areas for the medical school. This report compares UConn to national trends and is compiled based on data captured from a variety of sources, including the AAMC's Graduate Questionnaire and GME Track Resident Survey, and the AMA's Physician Professional Data. Slides can be found in the meeting materials.	None
Changes in Informational Technology Discussion (S. Crocker)	Dr. Crocker presented three informational items regarding changes in information technology that will impact the institution. First, UConn IT has implemented a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) access change. Until recently, the BYOD Wi-Fi network allowed users to connect their own phones, computers, and laptops. Most graduate students do not have university-sponsored devices and, as a result, cannot access the secure network. Faculty who inquired about the change were told that IT is in the process of separating the research/education domains from clinical. While this	Discussion to continue at future Education Council meetings.

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	change may be required to secure patient data, EC members expressed concerns about a potential breach of the National Institute of Health's firewall policy if students cannot access the secure network. The second item for discussion is that IT at UConn Storrs and IT at UConn Health do not "talk." SharePoint is used to collaborate between the two campuses but may not be the best solution, being described unfavorably by faculty. Dr. Kream expressed concerns about graduate students not being able to access forms and other materials required for their dissertations. The third discussion item was the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). UConn Storrs and regional faculty, staff, students have use of four different AI enterprise licenses, but unfortunately UConn Health faculty, staff, and students do not. An article published today in the New England Journal of Medicine covered diagnosing additional rare diseases with the assistance of AI. Not having access to AI tools affects education. The newly formed AI Committee at UConn Health may need representatives from the education and research domains to address concerns unique to these areas. Education Council discussed creating a joint statement on AI from EC and/or the GPC. Dr. Steele is on the preliminary AI committee which has yet to meet, and he will bring concerns from EC to the committee when they meet. The Chair of Dean's Council, Dr. Trivedi, may need to be included in discussions, and EC discussed working on a group statement regarding the items above.	
Standing Monthly Reports		
CUME	CUME met last week and reviewed the Missions Management Tool and the Academic Policies and Procedures manual. Also reviewed were CAC/CEC reports on the Delivery of Clinical Care (DOCC) course; in general, the course is going well. CUME identified that logistics support for courses is needed, and faculty recruitment struggles were identified. CUME is tracking themes and will report to Education Council if any emerge.	
GME	GME recently held orientation for incoming residents on June 15. Orientation for later starting residents and fellows continues July 1, 8, and August 3. Approximately 300 new trainees are	

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	being onboarded this year, including two residents from the newly accredited Pathology Residency.	
GPC	Dr. Sanjay is stepping down as Chair of the Graduate Programs Committee. Dr. Heinen currently serves as Vice Chair and will assume the Chair role in July.	
MD/PhD	Six students have been accepted to the MD/PhD program, and two have started. The MD/PhD program's annual retreat will be held at UConn's Cell and Genome Sciences Building at 400 Farmington Avenue.	
CME	CME continues to enroll programs on Ethos and is working on advertising. CME is also expanding existing continuing education programs to Waterbury Hospital.	
Dean's Council	Dean's Council just met on June 15. The Dean provided an update regarding the merging of the Department of Cell Biology and the Center for Vascular Biology. Faculty members expressed concern about the merger but were reassured by the Dean that the combination will help with efficiency. The merger was approved. Clinical productivity was reviewed, and it has increased 2-3% compared to last year. The State of Connecticut also budgeted approximately \$30m for UConn Health, but no details on how this money will be spent have been provided. The Office of the Vice President for Research at Storrs has stated that no indirect costs on grants will be given back to UConn Health. The federal Office of Management and Budget has proposed rule changes that affect travel and hosting conferences, as well as impacting internal funding for graduate students.	
For the next/future meeting(s):	Operating Guidelines/Bylaws Review (TBD) Strategic Plan Review (TBD)	Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: *July 16, 2026, via Zoom*