

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Teams

Present (voting): S. Angus (Chair), J. Cavallari, S. Crocker, A. Cunningham, A. Delany, P. Epstein, R. Guzzo, M. Held, B. Kream, , S. Manickaratnam, A. McDermott, A. Sanjay, C. Steele

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

Excused (voting): M. Eugene, V. Forbes, P. Luthra, S-J. Lee

(non-voting):

Guests:

Note: All votes are done with quorum present.

Topics	Discussion	Outcome/Action Items
Approval of Minutes	June 16, 2026 Minutes	Motion to approve meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
Business		
Changes in Educaion Council membership and support (S. Angus)	Dr. Angus recognized and thanked Jill Goldsmith for over a decade of service supporting Education Council. This was her final meeting. New support staff were introduced: Cristina (Tina) Lender and Nicole Szwelicki. Dr. Alyson Cunningham was introduced as a new voting member. Dr. Cunningham introduced herself as a colorectal surgeon who serves as Site Director for general surgery residents, a medical student coach, among other roles at UConn SOM. Dr. Angus recognized Dr. Paul Epstein, who is retiring in September, for his service on both Education Council and Dean's Council. Dr. Carrie Walker will complete the remainder of his term beginning in September.	
New Chair Election (S. Angus)	Dr. Angus discussed the annual opportunity to nominate a new Chair. No nominations were made during the meeting, but interested members should submit their names to Tina Lender. If nominations are received, voting will occur at the September meeting.	Interested members should submit their names to Tina

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		Lender for review and voting in September.
New Dean's Council Representative Election (S. Angus)	Upon Dr. Epstein's retirement, a replacement representative on Dean's Council will be needed. Dr. Anne Delany volunteered to take Dr. Epstein's position.	Motion to appoint Dr. Anne Delany as Education Council's representative to Dean's Council. Seconded. Approved unanimously. Christina Buccheri must be notified of the appointment.
Proposed Bylaw Amendments from Dean's Council (S. Angus)	The proposed language aims to clarify responsibilities following the separation of the Dean and Executive Vice President (EVP) roles. Several members expressed concern that the term "faculty practice" was vague and potentially confusing. Discussion centered on ensuring the language clearly referred to clinical practice, rather than educational, research, or broader faculty activities. The council recommended replacing references to "faculty practice" with "faculty clinical practice" throughout the document for clarity.	Motion to approve new language in Dean's Council Bylaws with recommended language change. Seconded. Approved unanimously. Dr. Angus will draft and circulate the position statement for review.
Proposed SAPC Membership Amendment (S. Angus)	The Senior Appointments and Promotions Committee (SAPC) is facing a substantial increase in promotion cases and is considering using Associate Professors as alternate reviewers. Concern was raised regarding potential conflicts or perceived bias if associate professors serve as reviewers while simultaneously preparing for their own promotion to professor. Members noted that familiarity with committee processes could provide an advantage. Council recommendations included exercising caution regarding the use of Associate Professors as alternates because of potential real or perceived conflicts. The Council would	The EC voted against SAPC bylaw amendment changes as currently proposed. Motion to approve recommending change in language reflecting EC's concerns. Seconded. Approved unanimously. Dr. Angus will draft and circulate a position statement reflecting these

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	also encourage SAPC to review its membership structure and recruitment guidelines before expanding alternate reviewer eligibility.	concerns and recommendations.
Proposed Bylaw Amendment from Public Issues Council (S. Angus)	There is a proposal to add public health and related representatives to the Public Issues Council membership. EC generally agreed with expanding expertise available to the committee. Several members cited concerns that certain terminology could create unnecessary administrative or funding-related challenges. Alternative wording was suggested to maintain inclusiveness while avoiding that specific terminology.	Motion to approve new language in PIC Bylaws with recommended language change. Seconded. Approved unanimously. Dr. Angus will draft and circulate a position statement reflecting these concerns and recommendations.
Standing Monthly Reports		
CUME (M. Held)	The Academic Policies and Procedures Manual (APP) is being migrated to UConn's Policy Manager system, which is taking some time. Due to this, the 2025-2026 APP will remain in effect temporarily. Several minor policy updates have already been approved by CUME. Education Council review is expected in September. A fully updated APP is expected in January 2027, aligned with the academic calendar.	
GME (S. Angus)	Resident orientation was successful. Approximately five incoming trainees remain delayed because of visa processing issues, primarily affecting matches from India, which is unusual. GME is partnering with Day Kimball Hospital on a rural health workforce initiative. A grant from the Connecticut Department of Public Health will support expansion of residency training opportunities in rural areas.	
GPC (A Sanjay)	No updates as no meeting was held in July. Next meeting is scheduled for August	

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MD/PhD (K. Dodge)	No significant updates this month.	
CME (S. Manickaratnam)	No updates	
Dean's Council (P. Epstein)	The Dean's Council approved the integration of the Center for Vascular Biology into the Department of Cell Biology; the change is intended as a cost-saving and organizational efficiency measure. Clarification was provided that the recommendation originated from formal program reviews and external evaluations, not solely from the Dean's office.	
For the next/future meeting(s):	Minor policy updates to the Academic Policies and Procedures Manual. Possible vote for new chair of Education Council.	Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: No August Education Council meeting; the next meeting will be September 17, 2026 on Teams.