UCONN
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

EDUCATION COUNCIL | Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Teams

Present (voting): S. Angus (Chair), S. Crocker, A. Cunningham, A. Delany, M. Eugene, V. Forbes, R. Guzzo, M. Held, B. Kream, S-J. Lee, P. Luthra, S. Manickaratnam, A. McDermott, A. Sanjay, C. Steele, C. Walker, J. Nissen

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

Excused (voting): B Liang, who gave proxy to J. Nissen (typically a non-voting member), who was seated with voting authority for this meeting.

(non-voting):

Guests:

Note: All votes are done with quorum present.

Topics	Discussion	Outcome/Action Items
Approval of Minutes	July 16, 2026 Minutes should be amended to reflect that the EC voted against proposed SAPC bylaw changes as originally written.	**Motion to approve amended meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
Business		
Welcoming new member Dr. Carrie Walker (S. Angus)	Dr. Angus welcomed new member Dr. Carrie Walker, who replaced Dr. Paul Epstein.	
Proposed Bylaw Amendments from Clinical Council (S. Angus)	EC members discussed Clinical Council's proposed bylaw changes. The Council seeks to eliminate the ex officio voting seat held by the Medical Director of the Clinical Compensation Plan, a role made unnecessary by the implementation of the union agreement. Also eliminated would be the ex officio non-voting seat for "Junior Academic Officer for Clinical Affairs," as this position no longer exists. The two seats tied to roles that no longer function as originally defined are being consolidated into one additional clinical faculty voting seat. There was concern regarding increase in only one clinical faculty voting member in light of clinical faculty growth.	**Motion to approve bylaws. Seconded. Approved unanimously. The committee will issue a position paper approving the proposed changes while recommending the additional of a clinical faculty voting member.**

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Proposed Bylaw Amendments from Public Issues Council (Approved by Oversight Committee) (S. Angus)	EC members discussed two proposed bylaw changes from PIC: Diversity and equity membership representation language. The EC proposed removing language referring to DEI in bylaws, and the Oversight Committee revised the language in the bylaws to match the EC's suggestion. The revision also adds the word "invited" to describe representatives from an affiliated hospital and from the community. This was presented as informational.	**Motion to amend the proposed language by changing "and" to "and/or." Seconded. Approved unanimously aside from Dr. Kream, who arrived late to the discussion and abstained.**
	The Dean's Office proposed replacing the existing language — "seeks to increase community resources through legislative and private educational efforts" — with "seeks to increase community resources through grant funding and other appropriate external funding opportunities." It was noted that grant funding is itself a form of external funding, and asked whether the word "and" between "legislative" and "private educational efforts" should be changed to "and/or," to make explicit that internal grant opportunities are not excluded, to expand funding options.	
Proposed changes to Compact Between Teachers and Learners (M. Held)	Dr. Held presented proposed changes to the Compact Between Teachers and Learners, used by faculty affairs, the business office and GME. During the LCME self-study, the committee identified two slightly different versions of the compact in circulation: one in the Academic Policy and Procedure Manual, and one distributed to new hires. These versions have now been aligned and the compact now links directly to the "Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence," so the compact automatically reflects future updates in real time.	**Motion to approve changes to the Compact. Seconded. Approved unanimously.**
Standing Monthly Reports		
CUME (C. Steele)	• Dr. Katz presented on graduation rates and residency outcomes; nearly all medical students are placed into residency, and outcomes remain strong overall. • Subcommittees continue to meet and have made good progress. The main challenge reported is insufficient FTE to fully execute initiatives such as QI/evidence-based decision-making curriculum, research, and faculty recruitment. There is also a need to recruit a faculty member with AI expertise to help focus curriculum and research in that area. Graduation Questionnaire results, reviewed as a three-year trend: ◦ Overall satisfaction: approximately 97%.	

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	◦ Performance in Stage 1 (preclinical) courses remains lower than desired, particularly in biochemistry, genetics, and pharmacology — a persistent trend. Efforts to address this (e.g., a voluntary supplemental pharmacology lecture series) drew limited attendance (a few dozen students). The committee is examining trend data further, including comparisons to national averages, to help identify causes; additional analysis is expected at a future meeting. ◦ Reported student mistreatment has risen over the three-year trend: 27%–45%, even as national mistreatment-reporting levels have declined. A targeted survey conducted last year is being repeated this year. Discussion about the definition of mistreatment.	
GME (S. Angus)	UConn was recently approached by an addiction medicine fellowship program in Kent, Connecticut (High Watch Recovery Center), previously sponsored by NYIT-COM. GMEC voted to become the new sponsor. Documentation has been submitted to the ACGME Institutional Review Committee for approval.	
GPC (A. Sanjay)	The new GPC Chair, Dr. Adam Adler, and the new Vice Chair, Dr. Chris Heinen opened the GPC meeting at the start of the new academic semester. The GPC meeting in August covered two primary items. First, the committee approved changing the GPC meeting schedule from monthly to quarterly. During the intervening months, leadership of Biomedical Sciences and the 7 Areas of Concentration will meet instead. The Genetics and Developmental Biology area of concentration of Biomedical Science intends to change its name to Genetics and Genome Sciences, which would mirror the host department's name.	
MD/PhD (K. Dodge)	The next round of interviews is starting, with the first interview day scheduled for October 2.	
CME (S. Manickaratnam)	No updates.	
Dean's Council	Dr. Liang has reported that the rules are becoming stricter regarding foreign funding.	
For the next/future meeting(s):		**Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm**

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: October 15, 2026 on Teams