## Crispino,Jessica

**From:** Lafreniere,Denis
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2026 2:08 PM
**To:** Birk,John; Crispino,Jessica
**Cc:** Nissen,Jacqueline (KIKI)
**Subject:** Clinical council statement of Support for Bylaws changes for the PIC

Clinical Council voting members voted to approve changes (underlined) to the SOM bylaws governing the Public Issues Council which proposed formally including the dissemination of PIC efforts and pertinent information to the public as a main duty of the PIC. The Clinical Council approves the language change proposed for Section VI planning and Policy Development, D 1. Duties, to replace language (underlined) ...and seeks to increase community resources through " legislative and private educational efforts." With language (underlined) ... and seeks to increase community resources through " grant funding and other appropriate external funding opportunities." We also approved changes in the membership to include, one center director or faculty representative designee who is a member of a center. To have the 2 elected faculty members whose primary focus is in public health. To have one invited representative from affiliated hospitals (rotating). To have one invited representative from the community and not from an affiliated hospital. To have one appointed by the Commissioner for Public Health and to have one invited representative from either the Office of Multicultural and Community Affairs, Office for Inclusion and Civil Rights , and/or any related office or committee of the school of Medicine or Graduate School.

Denis Lafreniere MD
Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs
Medical Director of UMG
Professor and Chief Division of Otolaryngology

September 29, 2026

John Birk, MD
Chair, Oversight Committee
UConn School of Medicine

Dear John,

The Dean's Council reviewed the proposed changes to the School of Medicine Bylaws regarding Public Issues Council, during the September 21, 2026 meeting. We agree with, and endorsed via vote the following proposed language changes in:

Section VI Planning and Policy Development, D. Public Issues Council (PIC), 1. Duties

**Replace language (underlined)**

**...and seeks to increase community resources through "<u>legislative and private educational efforts.</u>"**

**With language (underlined)**

**...and seeks to increase community resources through "<u>grant funding and other appropriate external funding opportunities.</u>"**

Sincerely,

Ruchir Trivedi, MD
Chair, Dean's Council
Uconn School of Medicine

Education Council Position Paper

September 18, 2026

Regarding Proposed bylaw changes to Public Issue Council community resources

To: Dr. John Birk, Chair Oversight Committee
From: Steven Angus, Chair Education Council

Dear Dr. Birk,

Education Council recently met to review the proposed amendment to the bylaws focusing on section IV Planning and Policy Development, D. Public Issues Council as proposed by the Dean. After thoughtful consideration, the Education Council **voted unanimously (with one abstention)** in favor of the proposed change.

EC does recommend a minor change in the language from “grant funding **and** other appropriate external funding opportunities” to “grant funding **and/or** other appropriate external funding opportunities.” EC feels this change expands, clarifies, and reflects the diversity of possible funding sources.

Respectfully,

Steven Angus, MD, FACP
On behalf of Education Council

October 19, 2026

John Birk, MD
Chair, Oversight Committee
UConn School of Medicine

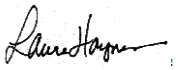
Dear John,

The Public Issues Council reviewed the proposed changes to the School of Medicine by laws at our last meeting on September 28, 2026. The results of our discussion are:

1. Clinical Council membership proposal: there was a unanimous vote to approve this amendment.

2. Public Issue Council (funding clarification proposed by the Dean): the council considered the proposed language change *…and seeks to increase community resources through "grant funding and other appropriate external funding opportunities."* and proposed this change in its place *"…and seeks to increase community resources and timely public understanding of relevant health public issues…".* by a unanimous vote.

Best regards,



Laura Haynes PhD
Chair, Public Issues Council

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September 17, 2026

John Birk, M.D.
Chair, Oversight Committee
UConn School of Medicine

Dear Dr. Birk,

At our September 14, 2026 meeting, Research Council reviewed the proposed amendment to the School of Medicine Bylaws concerning the Public Issues Council Duties and Membership.

Research Council endorses the proposed membership restructuring.

However, Research Council raised questions regarding the specific intent and impact of the proposal to replace “legislative and private educational efforts” with “grant funding and other appropriate external funding opportunities” under Duties.

Sincerely,



Pedro Mendes, Ph.D.
Chair, Research Council
UConn School of Medicine