

School of Dental Medicine Dental Senate Minutes
July 8, 2008

Attendees: Drs. Nichols, Nazarova, Doron, Wagner, Peterson, Kuhlberg, Antic, Fein, Zeff, Stevens, Skinner, Almas, Uribe, Kazemi, Kuhlberg and Sher

Absent: Drs. Freilich, Nazarova, Ibanez, Zhu, Brown, Fein, Rivera and Ms. Leigh Cabral

Excused: Drs. Meiers, Natarajan, Rogina and S. Eisenberg

Minutes of June 27, 2008. If there are any corrections please contact Dr. Nichols or Ms. Bindas.

A report by Dr. Casey Jacobs was the first item of business. Drs. Nichols and Jacobs were invited to speak at a meeting at Storrs regarding how both campuses' can be interfaced with government issues. The UCONN Senate Executive Committee meets once a month with Provost Nicholls and once a month with the President to push ideas up or alert to problems that may come about. Dr. Jacobs suggested a monthly meeting at UCHC with the President and representatives from the SOM and SDM. He also suggested including Drs. Laurencin and MacNeil. Dr. Nichols said the Oversight Committee has met twice with the Provost and the dental faculty selected to attend by Dr. Nichols were Drs. Upholt, Eisenberg and Hand. Dr. Nichols will begin selecting faculty to become a part of this committee and they will probably meet on a Thursday, which is the day Provost Nicholls is at UCHC. This committee should make both campuses' feel more connected. The UCONN Senate Executive Committee posts agendas on their web site. If there is a pressing issue being discussed, then we can send representatives to the Storrs campus to attend their meeting. Dr. Nichols suggested we refer this to the Steering committee and they can make a decision to delegate responsibility to design a proposal how to proceed. Dental Senate unanimously approved.

As a result of the recent election of the Academic Environment Council the members are Drs. Freilich, Meiers, Peterson, Wagner, Stevens and Zeff.

Human Stem Cell Laboratory Policy. This policy has been reviewed by the medical school. The Research Council had a concern about the issue of reprogramming human cells, basically fiberglass that could be induced in stem cells. The policies at Storrs through the ESCRO Oversight Committee has looked into this matter and addressed it. Any type of induced stem cells involving gammas or embryos for in-vitro or in-vivo research would fall under this policy. But if it is for in-vitro where there are no gammas or embryos involved there is no need for the ESCRO Oversight Committee. The Dental Senate unanimously approved this Human Stem Cell Laboratory Policy.

The next item was the Draft Alleged Misconduct or Research Policy. This was reviewed by the Research Council and by the Steering Committee. There were issues from the Steering Committee that Dr. Nichols forwarded to Ms. Iris Mauriello. One correction was that the Executive Vice President title no longer exists. The first paragraph on the specification of misconduct was in conflict with others areas in the draft. The Research Council suggested dropping this first paragraph because the other items of concern are listed on the bottom of the second page. One of the issues from the Steering committee is failure to report financial conflict and whether that constitutes misconduct. The Research Council said that was covered under other policies. The concerns brought up by Steering were sent to Senate members electronically and noted in italic. Dr. Nichols said another item is the definition of a whistleblower. This Whistleblower Policy is being reviewed so it will comply with the definition used in this Misconduct Policy and that there is no conflict between the two. Dr. Freilich motioned to approve this draft document, Dr. Zeff seconded and all approved. Dr. Nichols said this will come back to Dental Senate in final form.

Provisional approval of existing Postgraduate Fellowship Programs in Prosthodontics, Orthodontics, and provisional approval of the planned International Fellowship Program in Periodontology. These fellowship programs are for dentists who would like additional training in a particular discipline but who are not interested in a certificate specialty program. The reason why these programs are under review now is because during our conversion from Dental Council to Dental Senate one of the programs was implemented and it was not possible to review it first. There are two existing programs, one in Prosthodontics and a program in Orthodontics where the individuals are self-pay. These programs are currently being reviewed by the Education Council. There are some items of concern on all these programs such as a refund and dismissal policy that are called boilerplate issues. These programs are being handled by the International Office or CBIS certification process which is a federal agency that requires information on foreign students enrolled at UCHC. It involves personal information and program content. The two existing programs have not registered their fellows with CBIS. This will be forwarded to the Educational Council for review that somehow has to be incorporated into the proposal of these programs, existing and those that are planned. Dr. Nichols circulated the proposal for the International Fellowship Program in Periodontology to Senate members electronically. The Education Council was asked to evaluate this for provisional approval for this year only. The Education Council and the Dental Senate need to approve it. When all the boilerplate and CBIS issues are resolved then all the programs will be reviewed for compliance. Dr. Nichols said as a Periodontology faculty member he has concerns as to where the patient material will come for the experiences for the fellows. This year we have had difficulty with patient material, faculty had signed off on cases used for progress evaluation where they were not appropriate, too simple and should not have been used for testing. The faculty felt these cases were not sufficient challenges for these students. We cannot take patient material from the undergraduates to support the International Fellowship Program of the type that is being proposed. This is Dr. Nichols primary concern as a Periodontology faculty member to this fellowship program. Dr. Nichols said we need to decide today if we want to give provisional approval to the International Fellowship Program in Periodontology so they can go ahead with advertising for recruitment of two fellows for this year. Dr. Freilich felt it would have been helpful if there was a member of the department presenting the proposal. Dr. Nichols responded that it was considered but the division head is on vacation. Dr. MacNeil added that he would caution the Senate in discussions on issues relating to direction and policy in the educational program. Some of the questions asked today will have to rely on staff to make some of the decisions. The visa issue is an administrative issue, if there is a problem we need to know about it, but international issues do not affect the Education Council. Where does policy and direction start and involve the responsibility of Council. Dr. Nichols asked for a motion to approve provisional approval of the Postgraduate Fellowship Programs and provisional approval of the planned International Fellowship Program. The motion was made by Dr. Wadhwa and was seconded by Dr. Uribe. All approved. Dr. Peterson commented for the division chairs consideration, that perhaps they should request academic requirements on the application.

Dr. Lepowsky added that all programs new and existing will go under comprehensive review before April 1, 2009 by the Education Council.

Selection of Director of CERP is Dr. Steven Lepowsky. Dr. Lepowsky will over see the CERP program that is certified by the ADA for continuing education (CE) offered to the faculty and SDM practitioners. We need to comply with the ADA requirements for these CE courses in order to provide CE credits. Dentists are aware they need to have CE credits to maintain our license in the State of CT.

SDM Accreditation process was sent electronically to Senate members to review. Dr. Nichols urges Senate to review all the sections primarily those they are directly involved in. Please provide any comments to Dr. Nichols or Ms. Sweet Hoffman. This document has to be in final form by the end of the month in order to be at the printers in a timely matter.

The last item of business that came up at the executive meeting level is the clinical usage fee waiver. This is a mechanism that has been used in the past for Masters of Dental Science students who are enrolled in the Certificate Program to provide some monetary relief. The clinic usage fee will increase on July 1, 2009 to \$12,000/year. At this time the waiver will no longer be offered to Masters of Dental Science students. The impact on graduate training will increase the cost of the master's degree. There will be no opportunity to get a waiver for any of the years they are enrolled. They will not only pay the clinic usage fee but also the graduate credit hour charges required for enrollment in the master's program. Dr. Nichols is reporting this to Senate because he feels the Education Council should look at this and if this is an appropriate policy for these programs. He asked if this should be reviewed by the Education Council. Dr. Lepowsky reported that a complete analysis of every accredited residency program in the U.S. was done and our tuition and fees were well below any program, plus we provided stipends of \$13K that is above other programs. The SDM would still provide the stipend but will eliminate the clinical fee waiver. Dr. MacNeil said graduate dental education is different than graduate medical education. Almost all medical residencies have stipends where the dentists pay for their training. We should price ourselves appropriately and be good stewards on what we do here. Dr. MacNeil would like the stipend to be increased but there are certain Health Center issues that have to be addressed. Even with these changes, we are still a good bargain for dental education. Discussion followed and Senate members thought perhaps this fee waiver could be based on a need base, and possibly alumni donations could contribute to the cost. Dr. Zeff motioned to approve the recommendation to have this issue forwarded this to the Education Council, Dr. Sher seconded and everyone approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.