

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee

SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine

July 1, 2024

Attendees: H. Siddiqi, C. Kamarajan, L. Harris, F. Velcek, S. Agrawal, J. Kubie, C. Galanter, S. Rabinowitz, R. Viswanathan, A. Maheshwari, L. Martello-Rooney, R. Gupta

Presiding Officer's Report

Dr. Siddiqi stated that the minutes are being emailed to members. If no one has any questions regarding the minutes or makes corrections, the minutes will be posted online.

CEPC

Dr. Kubie, who attended a meeting to discuss lectures, shared his insights. The participants exchanged experiences with the foundation and raised issues such as physical attendance and reliance on Panopto videos. It was noted that students are not directly tested on the lecture material. The exams are created from the shelf one exam. Other concerns included the quality of the lectures, lack of mentorship, and the absence of faculty feedback for medical students. One way to address certain issues is by coordinating a small community to arrange a workshop and produce a tutorial video. Faculty members would need to watch private lectures and then receive additional supervision, with each member attending one another's lectures. Getting students involved are probably required to work with people from the administration side.

Nominations, Elections and Ballots

A Melton-Taylor is finalizing the ballot and will work with Vote.now.com to distribute it. Dr. Siddiqi expressed his desire for the elections to be conducted before the August 5 meeting. Three amendments will also be attached to the ballot.

During the August 5th meeting, Dr. Siddiqi would like to discuss the Nomination committee, how it works, and how it nominates people. According to the current bylaws, names are collected from the floor or whatever source, then presented to the committee, shared with the Dean, and then presented to the Assembly. According to Dr. Siddiqi, a nominations committee is unnecessary if this is the process. The nominations committee's role in this process needs to be clarified better. Before the start of the next academic year, he wants the committee to discuss this issue.

New Business

Dr. Gupta asked about promotions. According to her, someone said the papers were submitted for promotion, but they never heard back. She is wondering if the committee can update how many are pending folders. She also wonders how many were promoted, and if they heard from the Dean's office how many were approved. Dr. Siddiqi stated that he would speak with Dr. Danias.