

Consulting Management Committee
Minutes: October 2, 2008

Attendees

Members: M. Aindow, H. Frank, J. Hepworth (Chair), A.J. Pappanikou, and R. Rubin.
Staff: I. Krisst and S. Wetstone
Guests: M. Larson and Margaret Gilbert

The meeting was convened at 2:16 pm.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting of September 18 were corrected to indicate the vote on Request for Action #9 was approved unanimously.
- 2) UCHC request for action #7 – special rules for ad hoc purchasing committee

R. Rubin described a recent conversation with an OSE staff attorney who confirmed that the University has jurisdiction over this matter so long as the Col is only based on the consulting relationship. If the faculty involved in the ad hoc purchasing committee have other types of Col, such as an ownership interest or significant equity in the contracting entity, then the other parts of the Code of Ethics apply and they may not be able to serve on the ad hoc committee (since we don't have jurisdiction, we aren't determining this.)

Based on the best information currently available (i.e. the oral information from OSE), the committee unanimously approved the recommendation. R. Rubin expects to receive a written opinion from OSE soon. Once that is received, she will revise the "OSE Opinions" portion of the formal written Request for Action as background information for the committee's decision. If the written OSE opinion is materially different from the oral opinion, the committee may revisit its approval of this Request for Action.

- 3) Request to convene an ad hoc purchasing committee for Orthopaedic Implants

M. Larson and M. Gilbert presented a request to convene an ad hoc committee by answering the questions required under Request for Action #7. This oral presentation reiterated the background and structure provided in his written request which was distributed to the committee previously

The committee discussed this request and added one requirement to it: a third physician be added to the ad hoc purchasing committee who either has no Col with Orthopaedic Implant companies or whose Col is with a different company than the other two physicians on the committee.

The guests left the room for the vote. The committee unanimously approved the formation of the ad hoc purchasing committee for Orthopaedic Implants. This approval terminates 6 months after the convening of the committee.

S. Wetstone will notify M. Larson in writing of these actions.

M. Larson expects to request similar committees in the areas of biologics, spinal devices, and trauma products in the near future.

4) Request From Dr. Bruder

An email meeting was begun on September 27 regarding Dr. Bruder's desire to hire a ½ time faculty member to serve as a training director in her center. The other ½ of this person's time would be spent in her current position as director of a non-profit entity that might be perceived to be a competitor to Dr. Bruder's center. Since the hiree would become a University employee, this other position is considered as consulting under the University's policy.

This issue was viewed to be complicated enough that it should be handled during a face to face CMC meeting. The committee discussed Dr. Bruder's email and the proposed management plan. It was determined that further discussion was needed. Dr. Bruder will be asked to clarify the management plan further and to obtain an endorsement for it from the department head of the incoming ½ time faculty member. This will be placed as the first main item agenda for the committee's next meeting.

5) Policy and Guidelines of Interactions between the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and the Biomedical Industry

The Dean's Council of the SoM faculty governance structure has approved the above mentioned policy. Before approving the recommendations of the Dean's Council, Dr. Laurencin has asked for the input of several entities including the CMC.

The Policy was distributed to the CMC for an email discussion on September 27. The CMC has determined it would now be better to discuss the Policy during face to face meetings. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

6) Tentative Agenda for the next meeting:

- a) Dr. Bruder's request
- b) Policy and Guidelines of Interactions between the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and the Biomedical Industry
- c) Consulting related to summer employment
- d) Consulting while on sabbatic leaves.
- e) Policy banning faculty from consulting that involves teaching in credit granting courses.
- f) Consulting for part-time faculty members.

The committee adjourned at 3:18 pm.