



University of Connecticut
Health Center

Health Affairs Committee

June 6, 2000
Minutes

Attendees: See attached list.

Ms. Leonardi called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. Public Comment

- Dr. James O'Rourke – Diabetes and retinal imaging
- Dr. Alan Lurie – Faculty representation on HAC
- Dr. Douglas Oliver – Faculty representation on HAC.
- Dr. Constantine Trahiotis – Faculty representation on HAC.
- Mrs. Leonardi announced the convening of a subcommittee to discuss whether and how the membership of HAC should be changed. This would include possible expansion of the membership, including the addition of new constituencies, length of terms, voting privileges and the relationship of such new members to the BOT. All interested parties willing to serve on this subcommittee should contact Scott Wetstone by the end of June and indicate if they are representing groups or just themselves as individuals. It is expected that the majority of work of the subcommittee will be conducted in September with a report to HAC in October.

II. Introductory Business Items

- A. Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2000 and April 4, 2000
 - The minutes of March 7, 2000 were approved unanimously.
 - The minutes of April 4, 2000 were approved unanimously.
- B. Recognition(s)
 - None.

III. Consents

- A. Institutional
 - The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees: ***“Contracts > \$500,000 – June 2000. Contracts HC-1 to HC-13 represent transfers associated with the personnel costs (stipend, fringe and educational costs) incurred in rotating residents between the Health Center and various Health Care institutions. It also includes the transfer between the Health Center and the Capital Area Health Consortium which serves as the paymaster for such residents.”*** (Note: Although many of these contracts are less than the \$500,000 threshold required for BOT approval, they have been presented together in order to convey the full scope of this activity.)

B. Specific to the UCHS including JCC approved action items and UCHC Finance Corporation

- None.

C. Specific to Schools

- The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees:
“That the Board of Trustees authorize the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation on behalf of UConn Medical Group and the Dental Clinics of the School of Dental Medicine to contract with Connecticut Children’s Medical Center for facilities and services provided by CCMC in support of the medical and dental office services rendered on-site at CCMC, and further authorize the transfer of funds up to seven million two hundred thousand dollars (\$7,200,000) to the University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation for use related to said contract for the term April 6, 1996 through June 30, 2001.”
- The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees:
“That the Board of Trustees approve the nomination of Dr. Joel Levine to be the Health Center’s faculty representative on the Health Affairs Committee for the term of July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2002.”
- The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees:
“That the Board of Trustees approve an increase in the School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine Professional Schools fee from \$3,950 in 2000/2001 to \$4,100 for the School of Medicine and \$4,080 for the School of Dental Medicine starting July 1, 2000.”
- The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees:
“That the Board of Trustees approve the closing of the Department of Anatomy in the School of Medicine effective September 1, 2000.”
- SOM – Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment - The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees: ***“That the Board of Trustees approves the School of Medicine recommendations for tenure, promotion, and reappointment.”***
- SODM – Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment - The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees: ***“That the Board of Trustees approves the School of Dental Medicine recommendations for tenure track faculty.”***
- SODM – ASDA Dues – The resolution was withdrawn.

IV. Information Items - (unless noted below, not discussed but described in the written materials distributed to the HAC)

A. Regularly Recurring Items

- Contracts > \$5000
- Personnel actions

B. Policy Changes

- None.

C. Other Items

- Indemnification of the World Health Organization
- School of Medicine – Summary of Health Center Awards
- School of Dental Medicine Report
- UConn Health System Operations Report

V. Education

- None presented due to the main business being a budget workshop.

VI. Main Business Items - Budget workshop

- Dr. Deckers lead a presentation of the FY 01 Proposed Operating Budget Highlights, the Proposed Operating Budget, the Proposed Operating Budget Financial & Statistical Graphs, and the Proposed Capital Budget. Questions and concerns were raised on the following:
 - The Medicaid payer mix percentage is not increasing as expected, why? Mr. Upton will investigate this issue which may simply be a misclassification of Medicaid patients in the HMO category.
 - How does the percentage of State support of the operating budget compare to other states (with and without the inclusion of the recently approved gap funding)? Dr. Wetstone will obtain and report these data.
 - More details are needed to understand productivity. Mr. Upton will work with Mr. Gelfenbien to describe and provide sufficient reports on productivity.
 - The budget is a macro view and may not adequately demonstrate how internal saving have been realized which are then to be applied as self-funding of the new integrated strategic plan.
 - More detail is need on the descriptions of capital projects and their funding status. Mr. Upton will prepare these reports for presentation at the 6/29/00 BOT meeting.
- The HAC unanimously approved the following recommendation to the Board of Trustees: **“That the Board of Trustees approve the University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2000/2001.”**

VII. Executive Session

The Health Affairs Committee voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:05 am. to discuss matters that would result in the disclosure of public records described in Sec. 1-210 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Chairman noted that on the advice of counsel only staff members whose presence was necessary to provide their opinion would be permitted to attend Executive Session.

Trustees present were: Mr. Gelfenbien, Ms. Leonardi, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Downey

HAC left Executive Session at 12:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Deckers, M.D.

Attendees

James Abromaitis, Lori Aronson, Phillip Austin, Richard Berlin, Jack Blechner, Thomas Callahan, Bruce Carlson, Thomas Cawley, Jane Comerford, Cretel Cote, Peter Deckers, John Downey, Richard Garibaldi, Roger Gelfeinbien, Edward Grab, Gregory Hart, William Kleinman, Bruce Koeppen, Robert Kozol, Claire Leonardi, Joel Levine, Alan Lurie, Michael Martinez, Martin McNeil, David McCluskey, Jean Morningstar, Douglas Oliver, Gloria Opirhory, James O'Rourke, Kenneth Parker, Richard Simon, Steven Strongwater, Constantine Trahiotis, Rachel Tressy, Deborah Turling, Daniel Upton, Hiliary Waldman, James Walter, Scott Wetstone, Susan Whetstone, and Nancy Williams

Documents Distributed During the Meeting

- a) Faculty representative resolution