

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2022

Attendees:

- Dr. Olehausen, President
- Dr. Stretch, VP
- Ms. Woodin, CPA, MBA, Treasurer
- Dr. Jenab, Secretary
- Dr. Seitz, Executive Director

Review of draft October 2022 Board meeting agenda

Committee members reviewed the draft meeting agenda and suggested changes.

Dr. Seitz will send a draft FY 2023 budget to Ms. Woodin for review prior to the fall meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting Decision via Email

September 8, 2022

On September 8, 2022, Dr. Seitz circulated an email from Bastyr University asking for guidance on an issue affecting the California campus—see email below. The EC decided that it would not be appropriate to allow for patient contacts via telemedicine to exceed 25% of the minimum required contacts and that Bastyr should explore other ways within the context of the CNME accreditation standards to enable students to meet the clinical requirements.

Email from Bastyr U. circulated to the EC

From: Susan Weider <sweider@bastyr.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 12:56 PM

To: danseitz@verizon.net

Subject: Bastyr San Diego Issue

Hi Dan,

I appreciate the opportunity to talk to you yesterday, and your willingness to review our situation. I will lay things out as concisely as possible, but please let me know if you have any questions or need clarification on any of these points.

- Bastyr opened our campus in San Diego in 2012, in our current location
- We started in one building, expanded to an adjacent building, and continue to occupy these two spaces.

- We occupied part of a third building about a quarter mile away for a few years, but have now left that building.
- Around 2018, we received concern from a couple of students about reaction to possible mold in the building. We had the buildings tested at that time, and the test revealed that the quality of air inside the buildings was better than the outside air, no source of mold was found.
- Despite no findings, we undertook several projects to remove live plants from the buildings, replace some carpet, clean air ducts, retrench a drain outside the building, etc.
- The buildings have been tested three times so far, including a surprise test by the City of San Diego about a month ago. All tests continue to come back negative for mold or other toxins.
- The issue moved to a back burner with the onset of Covid and largely online classes and shifts starting spring of 2020.
- When we came back in person for classes and shifts in Fall of 2021, the issue returned and we currently have about a dozen students who report some level of negative reaction to the buildings. This is out of a total student population of around 250.
- All of the students who are receiving accommodations for building concerns have completed our standard ADA request form, which includes information from their doctor, test results, long-term prognosis, etc.
- The majority of the students with ADA building accommodations are now in the final year of their program. We have been endeavoring to set up off campus shift locations, but some of the students are also having reactions to those buildings.
- Many of the students presumed they would be able to do online shifts in order to receive enough hours and contacts to graduate in June 2023. We currently are finishing two summer online shifts, with no plan for any in the fall due to concern about keeping the students below the 25% threshold for clinic shifts.

Without doubt, we do not want to put our accreditation at any risk, and so the question we have is this: Will CNME allow the University to graduate students with appropriate ADA documentation with over, perhaps well over, the 25% allowed online shifts? We have told the students that 25% is a wall, which is why one of them has reached out to you directly. My hope is that we can arrive at a decision which we will then communicate to students so that there is clear understanding of what will and will not be allowed.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this issue!

Take care,

Susan



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