**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**At Large – Choose 1**

**Name: Kevin Claffey, Ph.D.**

**Academic Rank:** Professor

**Department(s)/Center:** Cell Biology

**Position sought:** Executive Council – At Large

Dr. Kevin Claffey is Professor of Cell Biology (tenure), Center for Vascular Biology, The Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Department of Cell Biology. Areas of interest include; mechanisms of pathological vascular permeability in cancer and cardiovascular diseases, cancer cell and human tumor sidnal transduction under metabolic stress, and translational breast cancer research focusing on recovery, synthesis and antigen identification of patient-derived anti-cancer antibodies from sentinel lymph nodes. Dr. Claffey has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1990. Academic Background: PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boston University School of Medicine (1989), Post-Doctoral Fellow at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School (1989-1992), Assistant Professor at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School (1992-1998) and UCONN Health Center Faculty since 1998.

AAUP Trainee at the National AAUP Summer Institute for Collective Bargaining, Current Member of Basic Science Collective Bargaining Council, and AAUP Faculty Union Chief Negotiator.

Other activities: Hiking, Biking, Running, Golf and Motorcycling, including the fine art of Motorcycle Maintenance. Twenty-nine years married with three outstanding kids.

**Clinical (Medical-Clinical)** **– Choose 1**

**Name: Edmund Kim, M.D.**

**Academic Rank:** Assistant Professor

**Department(s)/Center:** Family Medicine

**Position sought:** Executive Council - Clinical

Dr. Edmund Kim has been a faculty member since 2oo8 in the department of Family Medicine.  After graduating from the UCONN School of Medicine and the UCONN Family Medicine Residency Program, Dr. Kim went into private practice before returning as a PCM2 instructor, a 3rd year MAX instructor, Family Medicine Interest Group Leader, and 4th year student advisor.  He has served as the department’s Assistant Program Director and currently serves as the Medical Director for the Family Medicine Center at Asylum Hill in Hartford.  He is actively involved with faculty to train medical students and residents in both hospital and ambulatory medicine.  Dr. Kim is currently the immediate past president for the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians and a member of the Practice Transformation Task Force for the CT State Innovation Model grant.  He continues to serve in several roles regarding the implementation and optimization of ambulatory Epic for St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.  His interest in serving on the AAUP Executive Council relates to his support of faculty interests and helping to effectively overcome issues we face.

**Dental – Choose 1**

**Name:** **Aditya Tadinada, Ph.D.**

**Academic Rank:** Professor

**Department/Center:** Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences

**Position sought:** Executive Council – Dental

Dr. Aditya Tadinada is an UConn graduate; he did his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and Master’s degree in Oral Diagnostic Sciences at The UConn Health Center. He joined the faculty of UConn School of Dental Medicine as an assistant professor in Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences in 2011. Aditya currently serves as the associate program director for the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology residency program and as the director of student research for the school of dental medicine. He has multiple invited presentations, papers and abstracts to his credit. He is a Primary Investigator (PI) or a Co- PI on numerous research projects at the UConn Health Center and collaborative NIH projects with New York University, Bartron Imaging labs and NASA’s Goddard space science center. He serves as reviewer for many journals. He is the founding curator and chair of the American academy of oral and maxillofacial radiology’s Virtual History Museum. He teaches dental students and residents, spends a majority of his teaching time training the residents in his program, he is the primary adviser to many residents in the dental school. Aditya’s research lab in UConn focuses on establishing oral radio morphometric indices for early diagnosis of osteoporosis. His special interest is in three dimensional imaging involving dental implants using cone beam CT. Aditya sees patients in clinic-9.

**Basic Science – Choose 1**

**Name:**   **Les Bernstein, Ph.D.**

**Academic Rank:**     Professor

**Department/Center:**     Department of Neuroscience and Surgery

**Position sought:**           Executive Council – Basic Science

Dr. Les Bernstein is a 28-year veteran of the University of Connecticut Health Center (UConn Health). Currently, he is a Professor in the Departments of Neuroscience and Surgery.  His research, for the past 35 years or so, has focused on auditory processing in normal human listeners, particularly how the ears and brain process complex sounds to facilitate our abilities to localize sounds in space and understand conversation in noisy environments.  Les has served on many UConn Health committees during his time at the Health center. He chaired the School of Medicine (SOM) Oversight Committee and chairs the Library Advisory Committee. He has served as Vice-Chair of SOM Academic Advancement Committee, a member of the 1) Academic Affairs Subcommittee of the Board of Directors: 2) Compensation Executive Committee, 3) IT Governance Committee, and 4) Research IT Steering Committee. He wishes to help the union continue to achieve important goals and to redress several issues. In his view, the faculty, via the UCHC-AAUP have a representative voice that has helped to guide UConn Health toward greater fulfillment of its missions of education, research, and clinical care. Still, as he sees it, the collective creativity, wisdom, and talent of our faculty are still not used to full effect by the UConn Health administration in the process of making decisions, especially with regard to issues of paramount importance to the institution’s success. Rather than having the UConn Health administration and the UCHC-AAUP at opposite sides of the metaphorical table, he would like the relationship between the AAUP and the administration to be a productive partnership that accrues to the benefit of the institution as a whole. He believes that his services on the Executive Council over the past few years will be beneficial in terms of providing both continuity and institutional memory.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COUNCIL**

**Basic Science – Choose 1**

**Name:**   **Irina Bezsonova, Ph.D.**

**Academic Rank:**     Assistant Professor

**Department/Center:**     Department of Molecular Biology and Biophysics

**Position sought:**           Collective Bargaining Council – Basic Science

Dr. Irina Bezsonova is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular, Microbial and Structural Biology and Biophysics. She completed her Ph.D. studies in chemistry at the University of Toronto, and most recently has been a postdoctoral fellow at its Structural Genomics Consortium. She has also completed fellowships at Moscow State University, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and the International Soros Science Education Program.

**Clinical (Medical-Clinical)** **– Choose 2**

**Name: Aleksey Merkulov, M.D.**

**Academic Rank:** Assistant Professor

**Department(s)/Center:** Radiology

**Position sought:** Collective Bargaining Council - Clinical

Dr. Aleksey Merkulov has been a clinical faculty member in the Department of Radiology at the Assistant Professor level (pending promotion to Associate Professor) and the section head for women's imaging at the UConn Health for the past 5 years; 3 of which were served as the fellowship program director.

During that time Dr. Merkulov received the following awards:

· 2014 and 2012 Annual Medical Staff Award of Excellence, UConn Health

· 2014 Patients' Choice Award, Vitals.com

· 2014 On-Time Doctor Certification, Vitals.com

· 2013 Superior Education Performance - UConn Merit Plan Executive Review

· 2013 Most Compassionate Doctor Certification, Vitals.com

· 2013 Patients' Choice Award, Vitals.com

· 2012 Annual Faculty Teaching Award, Department of Radiology, UConn Health

His interest in serving on the AAUP Executive Council relates to his longstanding support of faculty interests and overcoming the challenges that faculty members face in moving forward in an increasingly difficult financial environment.

**Name: Dawn Murphy, M.D., MPH**

**Academic Rank:** Assistant Professor

**Department(s)/Center:** Internal Medicine

**Position sought:** Collective Bargaining Council - Clinical

Dr. Dawn Murphy is clinical assistant professor of Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. She completed her IM/Primary Care training at UCHC in 1992, where she also served as co-chief resident in 1991-1992. In 1996, Dr. Murphy completed a second residency in Occupational and Environmental Health at UPMC in Pittsburgh. She concurrently earned the MPH at WVU.  She practiced Occupational Medicine in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. Dr. Murphy chose to leave practice for several years while her husband pursued his career. She and her family lived in several regions of the U.S. before returning to Connecticut in 2010.
In 2013 she was accepted to the UConn Health/Center on Aging Geriatric Medicine Fellowship, which she completed in 2015.

**Dental – Choose 1**

**Name: Sumit Yadav, B.D.S, M.D.S., Ph.D.**

**Academic Rank:** AssistantProfessor

**Department(s)/Center:** Orthodontics

**Position sought:** Collective Bargaining Council – Dental

Dr. Sumit Yadav is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Orthodontics at University of Connecticut Health Center. He has published over 45 peer reviewed journal papers. His research arena and has been defining the role of BMP2 in the postnatal homeostasis of Mandibular Condylar Cartilage. He has received numerous awards, including the 2008 Oscar Orthodontic Award, 2010 American Orthodontics Travel Award, and the Maynird K. Hine and the Charley Schultz Awards.