



Faculty of Dental Surgery Executive Board Role Specification – DEAN ELECT

Background

Founded in 1599, we are the only multidisciplinary Royal College in the UK and home to over 15,000 physicians, surgeons, dental surgeons and specialists in the fields of travel medicine and podiatric medicine.

College Strategic Goal, Purpose and Values

Our strategic goal is to be the 'Go To' Royal College with a stated purpose to inspire and nurture our members to deliver the highest possible standards of care for their patients through a forward looking, progressive approach to training, assessment, career support and professional development. To deliver this, we embrace the following values: inclusivity, community, integrity, innovation and inspiration.

Overview of role

The Dean Elect will serve for 1 year as an Office Bearer on the Faculty of Dental Surgery Executive Board, closely shadowing the work of the Dean with the intention of automatically assuming the role of Dean for a further period of 3 years.

S/he will act as close advisor to the Dean on matters pertaining to dental practice and contribute actively to the business of the Dental Surgery Executive Board. S/he will provide a strategic overview of, and commentary on, professional issues relating to dental education, training and professional development; standards of clinical practice; examinations and assessment; as well as the needs of members and prospective members.

Key responsibilities

- Contributing new ideas and thinking that will enable achievement of the Faculty's strategic aims and objectives
- Developing and reviewing the Faculty's strategic plan, with specific reference to the international strategy and engagement
- Representing and championing the Faculty externally, including deputising for the Vice President (Dental) on matters related to professional dental practice
- Acting as a key point of contact for ongoing professional dental issues and ensuring that the Faculty Executive Board is kept informed of changes and progress in profession-wide issues.
- Actively participating in meetings of the Faculty Executive Board (4 per year)
- Attending meetings of the Dental Membership and Engagement Board (3 per year)
- Attending meetings of College Council (6 per year)
- Participating fully in the ceremonial duties of the Faculty/College, including attendance at the Admission Ceremonies (normally twice a year).



Person Specification

The Dean Elect will be a Fellow of the Faculty of Dental Surgery in good standing. S/he will be an experienced examiner and /or educator with a keen interest in, and wide knowledge of, the current issues pertaining to the Faculty and the dental profession. This knowledge will be gained through previous experience on either the Faculty Executive Board (previously Dental Council) or other Faculty/intercollegiate Boards and Committees.

The Dean Elect should be able to demonstrate evidence of:

- Effective senior leadership skills
- Innovative thinking and strategic development
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- High level commitment to Faculty activities
- Responsive and proactive approach
- Representative roles at national/international level
- Effective team working and time management
- High levels of confidentiality

S/he may not be a Trustee of, or hold any similar promotional or governance role at, any other UK or Irish surgical Royal College during the tenure of this post.

Communication

The Dean Elect will be directed by the Dean/Vice President (Dental) and accountable to the Faculty of Dental Surgery Executive Board, a delegated authority of the College Executive Board.

The Dean Elect will work closely with, and be supported by, other Dental Office Bearers and College employees.

Term of Office

The Dean Elect will serve a term of 1 year, with the expectation of assuming the role of Dean for a further term of 3 years maximum.

Remuneration

This is a voluntary position, but all reasonable travel costs relating to attendance at meetings will be reimbursed.

If you are interested in applying for this position but would like to discuss it in more detail with the Faculty Dean, please contact: governance@rcpsg.ac.uk