

OPTN/UNOS Ad Hoc International Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018
Conference Call

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Introduction

The Ad Hoc International Relations Committee (AHIRC) met via teleconference on 03/12/18 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. OPTN Strategic Plan
2. Improving the OPTN/UNOS Committee Structure

The following is a summary of the Committee's discussions.

1. OPTN Strategic Plan

Summary of Discussion:

The Committee supports combining the OPTN and UNOS Strategic goals and supports the metrics outlined for each goal. The Committee also supports increasing the allocation of resources for the "efficiency goal" from 5% to 10%. The Committee chair noted there is nothing specific to the AHIRC's work within the priorities identified in the plan. The Committee would like to know how the Executive Committee envisions the charge of the AHIRC fitting within the new plan.

One Committee member noted that it's important for the AHIRC to stay involved and work collaboratively to ensure the proper distribution of organs in a fair and equitable manner.

2. Improving the OPTN/UNOS Committee Structure

Summary of Discussion:

The Committee questioned how the AHIRC fits within the proposed revisions to the committee structure. UNOS staff noted that the work of the AHIRC would probably fall within the procurement or operations committees. The Committee chair noted that if the Board of Directors still values the work of the AHIRC, they should find a way for the work to continue.

The Committee chair reminded everyone that the global kidney exchange program is getting more attention and the AHIRC could provide commentary about the practice and address concerns.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 9, 2018 (Conference Call)