2025-2026 CMSRU Standing Committee Report Out
Committee: Nominations and Elections Committee
Committee Chair: Michael Sabia, MD

Members

- Anna Goldenberg-Sandau, MD, Surgery
- Tom Ferraro, PhD, Biomedical Sciences
- Satyajeet Roy, MD, Internal Medicine
- Kara Aplin, MD, Internal Medicine
- Joshua DeSipio, MD, Internal Medicine
- Eric Behling, MD, Pathology
- Michael Sabia, MD (Chair), Anesthesiology
- Anne Peatman (Staff)

Meeting Dates

May 4, 2026

2025–2026 Highlights of Committee Work

- Conducted the annual review of committee membership and nominations.
- Reviewed committee composition to ensure appropriate faculty representation.
- Evaluated nominations and recommended committee appointments in accordance with CMSRU governance processes.
- Supported the Faculty Assembly by facilitating a fair and transparent nominations and elections process.

2026–2027 Future Goals and Plans

- Maintain a well-balanced and diverse representation on each standing committee, with participation from all departments, backgrounds, and levels of experience.
- Continue to promote transparency, fairness, and broad faculty engagement in the nominations and elections process.
- Encourage participation from new faculty while maintaining institutional knowledge through experienced committee members.

2026-27 Standing Committee Positions Filled:
13 elected
11 appointed

Elected Positions

Academic Standing Committee
Ernest Egu, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine

Admissions Committee
Dawn Demagone, MD, Instructor of Emergency Medicine
Behjath (Boji) Jafry, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Christopher McFadden, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine
Gary Stahl, MD, Professor of Pediatrics

Committee on Cultural Competency, Belonging and the Learning Environment
Lori Atkinson, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine
Maya Khandker, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine

Committee For a Positive Learning Environment
Christian Bruni, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Conflict of Interest Committee
Alison Kaye, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery

Curriculum Committee
Eduard Dedkov, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences
Alison Kaye, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery
Ashley Michael, DO, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine

Officer, Faculty Assembly
Amanda Fakira, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences

Appointed Positions

Admissions Committee
Ryan Gruner, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery
Justin Mann, MD, Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology
Eric Martin, MD, Instructor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Advisory Committee on Appointments and Promotions
Joli Chou, DMD, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery

Continuous Quality Improvement Committee
John Bauer, MD, Instructor of Surgery

Curriculum Committee
Lucia Diaz Garcia, MD , Assistant Professor of Surgery
Beth Karmilovich, DO, Instructor of Pediatrics
Gord Guo Zhu, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pathology

Faculty Development Committee
Lin Zheng, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine

Rules of Procedure

Talia Ben-Jacob, MD, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology
Tyler Maykovich, PhD, Assistant Teaching Professor of Biomedical Sciences