

MHRC General Membership Meeting

June 12, 2014 2:00 pm, Room 306 Lumbers

Attendees: Dr. David A. Hood (DH), Dr. Michael Riddell (MR), Dr. Anthony Scime (AS), Dr. Robert Tsushima (RT), Dr. Rolando Ceddia (RC), Dr. Ola Adegoke (OA), Dr. Jennifer Kuk (JK), Mr. Liam Tryon

Absentees: Dr. Angelo Belcastro, Dr. Chris Perry, Dr. Mazen Hamdeh, Dr. Michael Connor, Dr. Olivier Birot, Dr. William Gage, Dr. Tara Haas, Dr. John McDermott

Agenda

1. Director's report (for information):

Annual Report (submitted in May; on the MHRC website);

- DH – we're having a tough time acquiring current student data – we need to know who MHRC members currently have as student
- DH – we need to keep track of awards/honours students receive and to track student progress; DH requests other MHRC members to send him lab lists/student names (on a yearly basis perhaps?) with lists of associated awards/honours they may have received during the previous calendar year
 - MR – Jacqueline Beaudry recently awarded PhD dissertation award

AAPR document (due later this month)

- DH – this is still in progress

CFI (\$ 2.5M, due tomorrow); ideas generated may help formulate group grants via CIHR;

- DH – internal, technical review happens tomorrow (June 13 2014); there is still room time for suggestions for improvements from other MHRC members
- RT – success rate or CFI is 20-25% at best
- MR – does York have a say in our success rate? It may be worthwhile to come up with a group based grant
- RT – value of hiring professional consultants to assist in the editing/polishing of CFI in the future?

MHAD5 statistics (email attachment);

- DH – see if we can get printing donated next year? Are there other companies that can do this for us?
- DH – ask VPRI if we can get funds in the future
- DH – are there other companies we can ask for funds from in the future?
 - OA –Mandel
 - AS – Roche, Promega, Zeiss, Nikon
 - RT – Diamed, Cedarlane
 - JK- Canadian Obesity Network
 - MR – FGS (recruitment funds? Could we set up a recruiting session at the same time?)
- DH – more non-York than York students this year
- DH – suggestions for improvements for MHAD6?
 - OA – not a fan of the food
 - MR – line up for food – 2 stations?
 - RT – catering in the lobby?

- MR – off campus caterer, but 15% premium would need to be paid for the food (see email in MHAD6 folder)

External Reviewer recommendations (summary of main points attached);

- DH – clinical adjunct members would be good – Dr. Wharton?

Terms and Expectations for the MHRC from VPRI (2014-19) (attached);

- These are the expectations for the next 5 years
- DH – “We will move forward under this contract”
- RT – is there value in supporting/promoting faculty members for external awards?

Website: 2 min videos, business documents, photos updated;

- DH – Brett will redo the website this summer; scheduling for 2 minute videos?
- DH – would be a great idea for student videos **about their research** to populate this website

Increased administrative support via the MHRC Coordinator position.

- DH – need to determine/establish a list of ways in which the coordinator can serve all members of the MHRC
- MR – we need someone to manage all of our cost centers
- DH – *NIH contract re: Michael Riddell*

2. Report on MHRC Student Committee activities:

Seminar (Dr. Abel)

Student Colloquium (April 14, 2014)

- Student Career Day (date May 2: 55 students enrolled and 9 speakers).
- DH – seminar and colloquia all very well attended; Career day highly successful as well, do we hold this every other year?
 - No decision made

3. Action items

MHRC Seminar series: think of some speaker suggestions for Fall;

- DH – who do we want?
 - RC – Mary Ellen Harper
 - MR – Jason Dyck (U of Alberta), Tom Hawke (Mac), Frank Booth, Yan Burelle (Montreal)
 - RT – Pierre Cote (UOIT), Kathleen Martin (Exercise + Physical Disabilities – Mac)
 - OA – Scott Kimball, Simon Wing
 - AS – Fabio Rossi (UBC), Lynn McGinney (?), Jeff Dillworth (Ottawa)
 - DH – Scott Powers

Consider Group NSERC RTI grants given the York quota;

- DH – think of equipment group needs for a **group grant**
 - OA – metabolomics equipment/mass spec; RT - need someone to operate this (dedicated technician)
 - JK – instead of/in addition to DEXA for animals; ultrasound probe might be a better idea OR small CT machine (usually used for arm/limb CTs) for animal use

New initiatives for the MHRC related to:

a) Community outreach; eg. YMCA event; This is important for donors, education;

- DH – community outreach/knowledge translation
 - MR – already involved in multiple talks per month
 - JK – already involved in radio/media exposure
 - AB (he does this already?)

- OB martial arts initiatives
 - MR – we should report ALL KT/community outreach things MHRC members are already involved in
 - b) fundraising: new donors;**
 - DH – does anyone know anyone willing to donate?
 - c) new industry partner ideas;**
 - DH – Eli Lilly, Glaxo Smith Kline, Iovate
 - d) expansion of membership to other disciplines (business, epidemiology, bioengineering, clinical) and other Universities (Adjunct members);**
 - OA – what is/are the benefits for adjunct members?
 - MR – scholarship potential & reduced membership fees for students of adjunct members
 - JK – high school internships?
 - JK – this could go on website, along with advertising for sabbatical visitors
 - DH – is there a way to bring the population TO US at York University?
 - RC – very tough to mobilize people to York
 - MR – why are we not linked to the Pan American Games??
 - Check with Janet Vukovic
- Succession planning, workload distribution.
- (not discussed)

4. Next General Membership meeting?

- JK – yearly
- MR – have it on MHAD?
- DH – September is a better time; External reviewer comment: Have more MHRC General Membership Meetings