

## Rehabilitation Sciences Executive Committee Agenda

Date: Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

Time: 3pm, OSOT Lab 4

Attendees: Jesse, Yannick, Andrew, Kendra, Kamal, Lauren,

Regrets: Calvin, Cristina, Logan, Katie

Minute Taker: Jenn

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### Agenda:

1. Approval of past minutes:
  - Kamal approved
  - Jesse seconded
  
2. Thank you to Laura Bulk + Julia Schmidt for serving on RSEC!
  
3. Research day 2019 update (Scientific Committee)
  - Keynote speaker- Laura Bulk and the Inclusive Campus Team are giving a performance + discussion around KT and accessibility
  - Liisa Holsti, Naz Virij Babul, and JF Esculier will judge talks
  - Space is booked- but Kamal to look into booking the larger space in BCHRI
  - RSVPs and abstract deadline- March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Abstract evaluation deadline- March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 400\$ budget for food, prizes and thank you's for judges and keynote speakers
    - Keep you receipts, submit to Anny after event
  - Next meeting: All of RSEC on board, we will assign roles to help out at research day (Suzanne Huot to attend next meeting)

### **Action Items:**

- Kamal: look in to booking larger meeting space in BCHRI
- Scientific Committee: Recruit post-doc judges for abstract submissions through postdoc mailing list.
- Scientific Committee: reach out to Suzanne Hout, see what she needs in terms of logistics for the day, invite her to next meeting (Calvin/Jenn make sure Suzanne is included on the next doodle poll)
- Jenn/Lauren: book social at cactus club
- Jenn/Lauren: help with event advertising

#### 4. Tapestry Talks update (Jesse + Kamal + Michael)

- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> talk- Attendance and feedback from Tapestry community
  - Event went very well, a very educated and engaged audience  
Though there is a dichotomy the audience in terms of education, want to balance our communication for differing levels of levels of education
  - Presentation room is set up with chairs and projector, was very full with attendees!
  - Might be limited in terms of space usage for more activity-oriented workshops... does Tapestry have a multipurpose activity room for workshops?
  - Wide range of mobility in the crowd, we need to take mobility limitations into account in our planning- chair exercises might be best
  - Attendees were interested in learning about: back pain, lungs, food allergies/autoimmune diseases, hands, brain health, and educating health care practitioners
  - They don't want older adults to be pigeon-holed as elderly and incapable, we want to make sure our talks are empowering to this audience!
  - General tips:
    - speak extra slowly, and plan your presentation accordingly, 25-30m talks,
    - give lots of take-home messages,
    - it is okay to recruit for your research studies, include lab contacts and current studies in your talk
- Plans for next talks
  - Hold 1 talk every few months
  - Jesse is point-person on organizing the series
  - Next event ideally at end of March, we are looking for an RSEC person to host the next one! Reach out to Jesse if you are interested

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#### 5. KT workshop updates (Jenn)

- Date: April 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm; Location: MPL in Friedman Building
- Update on speakers and topics covered  
Laura Bulk and Jasmin Ma- Trainee facilitators  
Michelle Stack: Faculty speaker

Event will cover both engaging research stakeholders in research process (Jasmin) and translation and dissemination of research (Laura and Michelle)  
Student will bring in an abstract of their own to workshop for their KT goals  
Event will have talks and facilitated workshop exercise

Jesse to advertise for tapestry talks at the start of the event

**Action items:** Advertising going out soon! Spread the word in your networks

6. Spring Lab crawl update (Katie + Logan + Laura + Calvin)

- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Lab crawl- attendance and feedback
  - Very low attendance, possibly due to the snow
- Plans for next lab crawl- We discussed whether there was still merit in doing socially-oriented events, as attendance has not been great. We will test out the lab crawl concept as part of new student orientation next September

Next lab crawl: Hold the lab crawl after the new student orientation, target the 500 students as prime attendees. Have a social after the event. Events are still open to all RHSC trainees.

If attendance is poor at this event, we will scrap the lab crawl for future planning and re-evaluate our social event planning.

7. RSEC Sun Run Team (Calvin)-

- Join the RHSC Sun Run Team if you want a custom t-shirt and a good workout!

8. GSAG Faculty of Medicine learning environment report (Jenn)

- Faculty of Medicine has surveyed graduate students on their experiences
- Identifies 6 key areas to address in improving the learning environment for students:
  - Female/non-binary students rate quality of training as lower than Male identified students
  - Student workload is high
  - Issues of unclear expectations in research environment
  - Off campus students- lack of facilities and disconnection from university
  - Improving reporting of student mistreatment
  - Encouraging general student wellness
- The FoM leadership is develop strategies to improve these metrics for our trainees. If you have any personal experiences you would like Jenn to share with this group, or if you have suggestions/thoughts on how to improve any of these metrics please reach out to Jenn!

9. Other:

- Cristina to send out intake of new student publications for the website

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Next Meeting:

In 2-3 weeks for research day planning.