Rehabilitation Sciences Student Executive Committee Minutes

Date: December 1, 2020

Time: 4:00, Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Kim, Kohle, Joanne, Jasmin, Bill, Christy, Gordon, Smruthi, Cristina

Regrets: Myrah

Minute Taker: Thalia

Agenda:

1. **Approval of Past Minutes**

* Kim, Cristina

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* Bill would like to add a conversation about adding an RSEC representative from the PT/PhD Program

1. **RHSC Program Chair Update (Bill)**

* Busy with admissions (processing 8 new students – 5 PhD, 3 MSc)
  + Deadline Jan 15 (with some late admissions accepted in June)
* Awards
  + Process for awards will change – will include Qualtrics application
    - Centralizing process and putting onus on applicants will make it less likely to miss applications
* Website progress
  + Changing how bios look
  + Christy will set up a Google Drive for us to share pictures of our lab, research, office, hobbies (to show we are a cool group of scientists), etc. to include them on the website (we would be giving up ownership if we share them)
  + Bill’s idea: we could include a 30 sec into of what RSEC is on the website as a form of recruitment
    - **Gordon** will draft up a storyboard (**Bill** will send him ideas)
* Orientation is Friday @1pm
  + Expecting all 20 new students to be there

1. **Transitions**
   1. Kim moving on, Myrah transitioning into MSc. Co-Chair role

* Myrah will rejoin regular activities later in the semester
  + Group will share her role until she is able to join us
  + Social events will have to be spearheaded by someone else until then (if anyone interested, please email Gordon)
* **Gordon** will talk to Jessie about being the MPT/PhD rep, if not, a recruitment email will go out to the who group

1. **Post-doc Update (Jasmine)**

* Jasmine did a check-in before the break – 15/17 individuals replied
  + Same 2 people who didn’t respond also did not respond to the earlier check-in
  + Idea that we could reach out to someone in their lab so they can shoulder tap them and prompt them to respond
  + **Gordon** will compile a list of those who we haven’t heard from and organize shoulder-tapping requests from their lab mates

1. **Professional Development (Cristina)**
   1. COMPS Panel?

* Cristina hasn’t heard back, and email went out to Anny but there was no reply
* To be revisited in February/March (after admissions and awards)
* Bill still interested in the student perspective (especially around the stress surrounding the process)
  + **Thalia** will take the lead on this and work with Anny later in February/March
  1. Blog Update
* The blog is almost ready to go – Christy shared a template on Slack (on professional development channel) to show format
  + **Everyone –** please take a look and give feedback to Christy
  + **Everyone who wrote posts -** please review and make edits (please do so ASAP so the blog can be ready shortly after orientation)
* **Christy –** to send “coming soon” link to Gordon

1. **Mentorship and Wellbeing (Cristina)**

* Some new students are interested in getting paired with a mentor
  + **Cristina** will reach out to current mentors to see if they’re willing to take on a second mentee
* **Cristina** will reach out to Thalia to coordinate a check-in with mentors to see if everything is going smoothly

1. **Social (Myrah)**

* Gingerbread social was a success – well attended and fun
* No social for the next month yet
  + Myrah has some ideas, **Gordon** will check in with her
* We should organize a meet and greet for new students
  + Simple and with no budget – maybe online games
  + **Gordon** will assess new students’ availabilities at the end of Orientation (aiming for Jan 14th evening)

1. **Research day**
   1. Time to start planning!

* Christy volunteers to take the lead – Kohle and Joanne can help
  + Idea of a fun virtual mini conference
* **Christy** will reach out to Suzanne re: presentations for RSCH 530
* Bill suggested that we can reach out to IT if we need help organizing all technical aspects of the conference

1. **Next Meeting**
   1. February 2nd 4:00pm