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MEETING MINUTES

ACTIVITY: HBI Education Committee Meeting

DATE & TIME: Monday, November 21st, 2016

3:00 – 4:30 pm

LOCATION: HRIC 1A06

ATTENDEES: Cam Teskey, Heather Leduc-Pessah, Kelly Cook, Michael Antle, Michael Colicos, Lauren Drogos, Trevor Low, and Sarah McFarlane.

REGRETS: Jason Ng, Richard Wilson, Richard Frayne, Thomas Raedler, Patrick Whelan, Zelma Kiss and Steven Casha.

Topics

A. Comments by the Chair (C.T.)

- Success of competition of HBI awards
 - Postdoc: 1/6 was awarded. Caitlin Vander Weele (Bains).
 - PhD: 2/4 were awarded. Renzo Phellan (Forkert) and Susanne Schmid (Frayne).
 - MSc: 4/17 were awarded. Zachary Nurcombe (McFarlane), Claire Benny (Patten), Emily Macphail (Arnold) and Robert Aukema (Hill).
 - Acknowledgement to the committees: Postdoc Committee (Marc Poulin Chair, Shalina Ousman, Richard Dyck); PhD Committee (Tuan Trang Chair, Grant Gordon, Matt Hill). MSc Committee (Quentin Pittman Chair, Jaideep Bains, Giuseppe Iaria)
- Exchanges programs
 - Oxford: 2/6 were selected going to Oxford. No student is coming to Calgary. Oxford has cancelled the program sending students to Calgary.
 - New idea: exchanges with St. John's College at Oxford.
 - Karolinska: received 2 applications from Calgary, but 0 from Karolinska due to eligibility issues.
 - Melbourne: received 4 applications from Calgary and 1 application from Melbourne.
- Arun Anbazhagan HBI travel award
 - The winner this year, Veronika Kiryanova, whose poster was upgraded to Nanosymposium at SfN.
 - The other 4 applicants were also funded with \$500.

B. Salient Updates from;



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- i. HBITO (H.L-P.)
- Upcoming events: skating event and graduate student formula.
- ii. N.S.A. (T.L.)
- Undergrad. Neuroscience Research Night went well.

C. New Business

- i. HBI Education Program Evaluation
- Review committee members
 - Potential Canadian members:
Ron Calabrese (Emory), Philip Barker (UBC), Ian Winship (U of A), Clayton Dickson (U of A), Brian Christie (U of Victoria), Samuel David (McGill), Joseph Rochford (McGill).
- ii. 2016-2017 Budget
- Changes in process: Cam Teskey's term ends in June; Jason Ng is involved.
- Suggestions:
 - Increase the number to fund 8 External Examiners for PhD Defences
 - BSc Neuroscience program: increase to \$4000.
 - Promotional materials: change to Online Presence/Social Media.
 - Add a line of item: TAs for Neuroscience courses, 6 people, \$2125 each (50 hours)
- Promotion (FENS) is changed to Promotion (CAN), for \$5000.
- Scholarship funding: Mike Colicos to write a paragraph for Cam Teskey to submit.

D. Next Regularly Scheduled Committee Meeting – January 16, 2017.