

**Strategic Research & Innovation Committee Minutes**

Meeting #69

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

12:00 – 1:30 pm

HBI Boardroom (HRIC 1A06)

X	Keith Sharkey	Regrets	Bruce Pike
X	Stephanie Borgland	Regrets	Quentin Pittman
Regrets	Andrew Demchuk	Regrets	Naweed Syed
X	Andy Bulloch	Regrets	Eric Smith
X	Susan Graham	Regrets	Patrick Whelan
X	Cam Teskey	X	Keith Yeates
Regrets	Nathalie Jetté	X	Jessie Trufyn
X	Oury Monchi	X	Cari Jahraus ( <i>HBI Research Coordinator</i> )

**Welcome:**

Dr. Sharkey welcomed SRIC members to the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Approval of agenda:**

The SRIC committee reviewed and approved the agenda as circulated.

**Approval of minutes (June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016):**

The June 14<sup>th</sup> (meeting #68) SRIC minutes were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**Report from the Chair (Dr. Keith Sharkey):**

**CIHR Competition Results:**

Dr. Sharkey informed the committee of the recently announced CIHR competition results. He noted that data could only be obtained at this time from the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM), so doesn't quite encompass all of HBI. For the Foundation Scheme, HBI members received 4 of the 7 grants awarded in CSM. For the Project Scheme, HBI members submitted 45 applications and were awarded 11 full grants and 1 bridge funding grant; CSM received 26 successful full grants overall, and the University in total received 29. HBI had a tremendous success rate as an Institute. The committee discussed feedback on how we did comparatively, the success rate on renewals versus new submissions, and the demographics of successful applicants. There was also discussion on CSM Bridge Funding, with 5 HBI members receiving this funding; HBI has Bridge Funding available as well, and hopes to fund 1-2 more members.

**Recruitment:**

An update on current recruitment efforts was given.

Dr. Sharkey further noted that with future recruitments coming in addition to those mentioned, there will be increasing pressure on space. Dr. Sharkey mentioned the space survey recently circulated to help the HBI determine the full utilization of our space; this had been requested from the Faculty given the HBI's request for additional space. If additional space is granted, this will be in the basement of the Health Sciences building.

**Research Day – Survey Results:**

Dr. Sharkey noted that while Dr. Grant Gordon has led the Research Day committee for the last several years, this year Dr. Stephanie Borgland will be taking over this role. Dr. Sharkey asked anyone with suggestions for keynote speakers to pass these on to Dr. Borgland within the next 3-4 weeks. Ms. Jahraus reviewed the results of the recent Research Day survey for the committee; the survey was designed with the intent to determine how we might draw more faculty attendees to the annual event. While the results did not clearly identify one key issue that was preventing faculty members from attending, it was clear that an exceptional keynote speaker is key, and that dates in May might be better attended than the June dates we have leaned towards in the past. The committee discussed several keynote speaker options and picked a few dates in May that seemed to work best.

**ACTION:** Cari Jahraus to book theatre for May 19 and May 26 to hold for Research Day; final date to be determined around keynote speaker's schedule.

**List of Top Journals (attached):**

Dr. Sharkey noted that the complete list of top journals that the NeuroTeam leaders provided is attached to the meeting package. Any additions should be sent to Dr. Sharkey. Reminding the committee that the reason this list was requested was for use in the new Metrics database being created by the Research Office, Dr. Sharkey reviewed the database updates to date with the committee; more updates are still to come. Again, Dr. Sharkey noted that the tool will be used to look at an individual's trends over time, rather than for comparisons between people. He noted that the tool gives a reasonable handle on how people are doing overall, albeit that every metric has its limitations. The committee discussed who will have access to this database, and also deliberated on various metrics for assessment of papers; Dr. Sharkey mentioned a new metric (RCR) designed by NIH that he would forward on to the committee.

**Secure Computing (attached):**

Dr. Sharkey pointed out that the presentation slides for the Secure Computing program are included in the meeting package. This is a new initiative for patient-identified data, and the University is implementing new systems for both storage and analysis. As of right now, the program is just for CSM. While there are costs associated depending on the services, the rates are reasonable, and are in fact the cheapest in Canada. Dr. Sharkey polled the committee to determine whether they preferred IT to come and present in person; they were in favour.

**ACTION:** Cari Jahraus to arrange in person presentation on Secure Computing.

**NeuroTeam Updates – 9 team leads:**

Dr. Sharkey reviewed survey results of the NeuroTeams that was conducted at the one year mark following their formation. Dr. Sharkey reviewed information on the respondents' profile, NeuroTeam awareness, participation with the NeuroTeams, and both positive and negative feedback. Generally, some key areas for improvement are in communication, inclusivity and opportunities for trainees. NeuroTeam leaders felt that positives included i) the Brain and Mental Health funding competition helped define research strategies of the team and spurred new ideas for projects; ii) initiation of new interdisciplinary collaborations within the team; and iii) an increase in dialogue between clinical and basic scientists. The main challenges identified included i) a need for dedicated administrative support;

ii) clarity on expectations of team leaders; iii) aligning diverse PIs under a common strategic research direction; and iv) the physical spread of team members across campuses. In discussion it became clear that the Teams have been having trouble accessing their group email accounts after the University-wide issues in June.

**ACTION:** Cari Jahraus to send presentation slides to the committee and follow up with IT on the Team email issues.

**Update from CAT and Infrastructure (Dr. Quentin Pittman):**

Deferred.

**Next meeting:** October 12, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.