

## **MHRC Executive Meeting Minutes**

**December 2, 2014 – 3:30pm Farquharson Rm. 342**

Attendance: Dr. D. Hood, Dr. R. Ceddia, Ms. E. Mandel, Dr. O. Birot, Dr. M. Connor, Dr. R. Tsushima, Mr. L. Tryon

### **General Information**

DH reported the following:

- New website videos have begun to appear on website; more forthcoming
- CFI for core facility – no new news on application until April/May
- MHRC Speaker Seminar – Pasan Fernando, Tomas Gustafsson
  - Still require a third/fourth speaker if possible
- MHAD6 – looking into speakers
  - D. Hood has already contact a couple, need suggestions for more
- Obesity Symposium – successful; OB said several potential collaborations have arisen as a result
- Industry liason meeting with Cheryl Giblon
  - YMCA for community outreach programs?
    - It was agreed that despite limited enthusiasm, this should be done
  - RC brings up interest in brown adipose tissue stimulating compound
    - He has been contacted by a company; DH and LT will discuss with C. Giblon
    - How should he progress?
- AAPR review
  - The committee reviewed AARP data
  - DH requires another meeting with Harvey Skinner to clarify financial support for MHRC with the new budget model
    - Need to contact Andrea England, Janet Vukovic and Shirley Freek
  - NSERC Engage
    - Requires a company to work with
    - DH will investigate with C. Giblon

### **MHRC Student Committee activities**

EM reported that:

- Graduate Meet and Greet was successful
- Student Colloquium provided good exposure for graduate students and their work
  - Variety of disciplines represented

- Need update on student organized MHRC Speaker Seminar (Erin Kershaw – Asst. Prof of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh)
- Website needs to be updated with regard to student committee and executive committee

#### **MHAD6**

- Thoughts surrounding incentive/motivation for more MSc, PhD and Post-doctoral posters
  - Competition for best poster with opportunity for short 5 minute presentation? 1 slide presentation?
    - Many options to encourage critical thinking and to reward graduate students/post-docs on excellence in research

#### **Canada Research Excellence Fund (CFREF)**

- Expression of interest statement (500 words) has been submitted
- Further work in this regard will require collaboration and outreach to all known and potential collaborators (locally and worldwide)
- More work forthcoming if expression of interest statement is well received

#### **MHRC Graduate School/Summer Course**

- Option 1 (graduate school) is favoured over an undergraduate-aimed program
- Utilize demonstrations and education seminars; not meant to “train” students on procedure, but rather introduce them to new techniques/methods
- not directed towards students with medical school in mind, but geared towards current/future researchers
- goal is for an inaugural course in summer 2016

#### **E-Learning MHRC course**

- Can this be tied into the MHRC graduate summer school?
- How will this be integrated into current curriculum?
- Appears there is a bigger market at the undergraduate level rather than as a graduate course; could this be introduced as part of a continuing education program?
  - Enrolment from an undergraduate pool may also be higher
  - Time commitment for an online course is substantial; need to keep this in mind

#### **Summary of Action Items**

**DH** - meet with C. Giblon regarding NSERC Engage and new companies for partnerships  
 - seek out at least 1 more guest for Winter 2015 MHRC Speaker Seminar  
 - work on CFREF

**LT** - update website  
 - investigate corporate/industry partnerships to share and discuss with DH and C. Giblon

- EM** - confirm speakers for Winter Graduate Student Colloquium  
- find another guest for Winter MHRC Speaker Seminar on behalf of Student Committee