

MHRC General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015 – 4:00pm Lumbers Rm. 306

Attendance: Dr. D. Hood, Dr. R. Ceddia, Dr. T. Haas, Dr. R. Tsushima, Dr. A. Scime, Dr. M. Riddell, Dr. C. Perry, Dr. W Gage, Dr. A. Belcastro, Dr. J. Kuk, Mr. L. Tryon
Absentees: Dr. M. Connor, Dr. O. Birot, Dr. E. Roudier,

MHAD6 Speaker Suggestions

DH asked members for suggestions regarding MHAD6 speakers:

- CP suggested Morgan Fullerton (Ottawa), Yan Burelle (Montreal), Russell Hepple (McGill), Paul LeBlanc (Brock)
- TL Suggested Amira Klip (Sick Kids), Phillip Millar (Guelph)
- JK suggested Lindsay Robinson (Geulph), Martin Gibala (McMaster)
- DH will need to follow up with committee members for more suggestions and continue to contact other potential MHAD6 speakers

MRI Facility

DH presented pamphlet regarding MRI facility now available at York

- Jennifer Steeves eager to demonstrate this machine to anyone interested; use of this machine is encouraged from anyone who requires it
- \$350/hour for usage – cheaper than alternatives available in downtown Toronto

New MHRC Member: Dr. Heather Edgell

DH proposed the addition of a new faculty member to the MHRC

Membership unanimously approved Dr. Heather Edgell's acceptance into the MHRC

Use of an existing UG course for revenue generation

DH highlighted the lack of funding/revenue for the MHRC and the need for more opportunities for revenue

- This idea would require advertising to and bringing in external students/individuals to enroll in UG classes; will not compromise class space
- TH: Who do you envision these students/individuals being?
 - DH: continuing education students for Ontario College of Kinesiologists
 - DH: goal is to avoid developing a new course program
- MR was concerned with seating space; however if this could be accommodated, he would have no objections for this program

- Also opens up the opportunity for an online/blended (online/in class) course
- WG points out that all of the revenue generated from such a program would be channeled through the HLLN (Health Leadership and Learning Network) directly to the MHRC; great potential source of revenue
- RT brings up the idea that we could also advertise at other universities which don't offer courses that the students are interested in
 - University of Toronto
 - Guelph-Humber
 - Seneca
- AB acknowledges that this is a good idea, but a "scheme" or a plan is required to present this course in a logical/meaningful manner
- WG suggests that this could also be marketed to Phys Ed teachers/other professionals in the health education field (who have been out of school for many years) as a way to upgrade/refresh their knowledge and skillset
- DH reminds everyone that the time of year/semester when this event/course is hosted does not matter
- RT suggests that if this is directed towards teachers/professionals, that we might consider a day-long event which would line up with Professional Development (PD) Days that these individuals already get
- DH asks members for willingness to devote a weekend day to a "Continuing Education Day" – perhaps one day, once/twice a year
- TL/WG express interest in some sort of compensation for the faculty involved in this
 - Money to then put back into travel funds for conferences, scholarships, honoraria etc.
- DH reminds everyone the need to invest in the "group" and that raising revenue for the MHRC at this stage may come with little-to-no compensation
- AB acknowledges that the group as a whole appears interested
 - There is a need to figure out for this will be marketed/operated
 - Contact Tanya
 - Get the ball rolling on this idea before the end of March

MHRC Summer School 2016

DH presents this idea which was initially brought to the Executive Committee

- DH suggests that this week-long course could also come with a graduate school credit (partial or full); East Carolina University and Karolinska Institute have operated something of this nature before

CP presents his previous experience with "mitochondria summer school" in Copenhagen

- Great success; over 80 international students
- There is a need not only to attract people to the university, but to the city

- Need to find a way to pull people towards Toronto as a city
- MR likes the idea; will greatly improve awareness for York Graduate Program
- WG points out that the Centre for Vision Research (CVR) already has this program in place, and uses it to attract top quality graduate students or students that are already at a high probability for graduate school/post-doctoral fellowship
- DH again asks the group for their willingness to participate in this venture
- RT reminds everyone that there is a need for York (MHRC specifically) faculty to “invest” themselves more in the MHRC, without reaping any immediate rewards
 - This is essential for long term growth of the centre
- OA likes the idea of the summer school; is apprehensive about the week simply being about students “listening to lectures”
 - Perhaps some hands on/lab experience component of the week is helpful as well
- MR suggests that this would be nice to use “in place of” an elective graduate school course
- AS brings up the idea of turning MHAD into a full-fledged conference (2-3 days in length)

Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF)

DH highlights the work already done

- 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)
- Response from Robert Hache was received; suggestion that we look to interact between faculties (Science, Engineering etc.)
- Need for a fast turn-around on the March 1st deadline for the next stage of the application; needs 1 page summary from at least 10 MHRC members on aging/regeneration-related proposals

WG notes that he has seen other applications from York ORU’s for this CFREF and notes that the MHRC is perhaps in the best shape to move forward through to the next stage of this application than any other ORU currently applying for this fund

- “very strong opportunity” for MHRC to succeed at this stage

Summary of Action Items

- DH**
- need to email MHRC faculty for follow-up suggestions for MHAD6 speakers
 - work with AB and Tanya to get plans in place for a continuing education course
 - continue with CFREF; collect 1 page proposals from MHRC faculty by next week (February 16)
 - find another guest for Winter MHRC Speaker Seminar on behalf of Student Committee