

MHRC General Membership Meeting
September 27, 2013

Present: Dr. D. Hood (DH), Ms. Sobia Iqbal (SI), Dr. A. Belcastro (AB), Dr. Chris Perry (CP), Dr. M. Riddell (MR), Dr. Anthony Scime (AS), Dr. R. Tsushima (RT), Dr. M. Hamadeh (MH), Ms. Heather Carter (HC), Dr. R. Ceddia (RC), Dr. M. Connor (MC), Dr. O. Adegoke (OA)

Absent: Dr. O. Birot (sabbatical), Dr. J. Kuk (maternity leave), Dr. W. Gage, Dr. T. Haas (sabbatical), Dr. J. McDermott

Please refer to accompanying agenda for business items.

1. Meeting frequency

- 2 times per year was suggested by DH with one meeting in September (post grant deadlines and avoiding conflict with departmental meetings) and the other in April or the Spring

2. General Comments

- Update list of members
- DH will be asking MHRC faculty to submit a list of their current/post-docs and they will be added to MHRC membership
- RT suggested that for faculty perhaps having an additional title regarding membership eg. Full Member, Associate Member
- Associate members would be York faculty but they may be more active in another research centre
- Associate would indicate that perhaps they have a smaller role of involvement
- Consider types of membership for faculty to encourage membership
- CP suggested inviting other outside members to become adjunct faculty
- What could be offered to outside members?
- AB suggested that invited speakers could be added to the MHRC membership as adjunct or associate
- They would have a commitment period of time and after be considered as MHRC alumni
- MC put forward the idea that membership could be offered to outside faculty for a one-year commitment
- Have an honorary membership

- **MHAD5**
- Try to schedule the event away from the May Holiday weekend (May 19th, 2014) and also not conflict with ACSM meeting

- **Seminar Series**
- Confirmed speakers for 2013/14 include
- Dr. Dan Kane (October 15 2013)
- Dr. Rudnicki (January 2014)

- Dr. Marion Pauly (post-doc, November 2013)
- Dr. G. Sweeney (December 2013)
- Scott Powers has been suggested as a speaker by AB
- Also a student colloquium will be organized

- Cardiovascular talks are approaching from speakers that are interested in the two new positions available (One in Bio, One in KAHS)
- The Biology position is tied directly to the MHRC, and the KAHS position will be asked to join the MHRC
- Any suggestions for the appointments are welcome

- **Charter Renewal**
- Due November 1, 2013
- DH commented that the list of external reviewers has put forth
- This is a charter renewal within York and relates to funding
- DH may be requesting information from the MHRC members to aid in the submission of the charter renewal

- **Collaborative Grants**

- CFI NOI for the MHRC Core Faculty has been submitted
- Questions arose regarding the CFI process for a pan-faculty application from an ORU
- Details regarding the process of revision and submission to go forward will be clarified by DH
- DH will ask again for participation if grant goes forward to the next stage
- The grant included improvement of space/rooms in Farquharson/Vivaria and new equipment
- CHRP – DH asked for suggestions for a theme of the grant
- DH suggested type 2 diabetes or aging
- MR suggested vascular biology/metabolic disease
- CP suggested partnering with industry to test compounds/drugs
- CREATE grant
- Requires industrial partnerships and outside collaboration (universities)
- A training grant for student in industry
- Work with the VPRI office
- Need to find industry partners!

- **Student Affairs**

- MITACS, a government organized grant
- The student works with industry in order to get funding
- RT – there is a high success rate and the funding is relatively easy to get
- Good funding for students, but need to identify an industry partner
- Student spends either 75/25 or 50/50 of the time in the university/industry
- Applications seem to occur at any time for MSc, PhD and Post-Doc

- CP asked if you are allowed to publish what results you find
- Does the industry block the publications?
- Would have be discussed and agreed upon before beginning the partnership
- RT – For undergrads, MITACS Global Link summer students, they register by the end of July for the next year
- Increasing MHRC Student Involvement
- MR – student communication for exposure outside of York University
- OEP, CSEP, MHRC-sponsored sessions, highlights of the MHRC
- Career Day – student organized
 - o Industry, college, pharma, etc.
 - o Student participation
 - o Any former students that are now in college/industry that may be willing to come and speak
- MHRC student-organized colloquium and presentations
 - o Good for student participation

Funding

- DH prepared a power point slide to illustrate where funding for the MHRC could come from
- No more membership fees for MHRC faculty
- The annual report is online and has details regarding the budget
- DH asked if members would be interested in participating to make a short video for display on the MHRC website to increase the MHRC profile
- DH also will be asking for lay summaries that will be posted on the MHRC website
- Ideas for continuing education were called for
 - o The \$ from continuing ed. goes to the MHRC and is organized in participation with the continuing ed. department
 - o It is not through the faculty or department
- MR – what about crating MHRC publications/journal
 - o Could be used in courses, textbooks, educational papers, a slide series for graduate courses about muscle
 - o He acknowledged that this would be a lot of work
- CP – methods training/development in mitochondria/muscle techniques
 - o Mito. Foundation runs something similar and charges for attendance and participation
 - o Tap into the methods that are unique at York University
- RT commented that any contracts could be funneled through the MHRC and not the FoH for extra \$ for the MHRC
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- DH also asked the members for new research images for the MHRC website
 - o Scientific
 - o CP commented he had muscle biopsy pics
- DH will also be asking the student MHRC membership for their volunteer participation to run the MHRC Facebook page
 - o Looking for social media experts
- Vision Statement

- On the accompanying sheet, DH asked members for their suggestions on a vision statement
- Write it down and hand in at the end of the meeting
- Words like education, promotion, longevity were discussed