One-Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Meeting Minutes

February 6th, 2017 5:00 PM (Stellar Chance Room 104)

1. Welcome

2. Approval of minutes and membership

3. Update from Co-President – Terry and Amita
   a. Amita wants a tentative list of seminars and events scheduled for the next year. Please give us these updates 3 days in advance before the next council meeting.
   b. If the treasurer can provide an update on how much each committee is spending and on what and a bi-monthly report.
   c. Beau (Treasurer) asks that people please fill out the funding request form in advance.
   d. Need to decide a 2017 Symposium committee chair and focus on streamlining communications regarding the symposium with BPP.

4. Updates from Committees
   a. Social Media – Yann
      i. Posting regularly on LinkedIn and Facebook.
   b. Newsletter – Nehal
      i. 86 views so far on Wordpress
      ii. Working on collecting stories for the newsletter about the immigration ban about how they are being affected.
      iii. Trying to keep the content apolitical to showcase the stories of postdocs or sciences or patients.
   c. Penn Editor’s Association (PEA) – Arpita/Chris
      i. Amy Ghiretti has resigned as Associate editor in chief as she has left Penn for a new job. Arpita Myles is taking over the position
immediately, as I am due to go on maternity leave any day now. Hopefully she will be able to make the meeting next month to introduce herself to the council.

d. Community Service – Brian/Amanda
   i. Lots of volunteers.
   ii. Trying to figure out the best way to put a drive through Bethesda project
   iii. Participating in the Science Carnival at Penn’s landing – free because Penn is a sponsor.

e. Diversity – Mat/Dondra
   i. Restructuring the committee.
   ii. Brittany Taylor and Kevin Jenkins would like to become involved more with the committee.
   iii. Met to talk with Susan Weiss about how to increase diversity among the postdoc population.
   iv. Thinking about having a symposium to host graduate students to consider Penn as an option.

f. Advocacy – Andrea/Jason
   i. 3 things they want to ask for:
      1. Septa pre-tax discount
      2. 403b retirement account
      3. Daycare

g. Social Activities – OPEN/Rueben
   i. Happy hour at City Tap House (approximately 8 attendees) on Friday the 3rd of Feb.
   ii. Yards Brewery tour – Jan 14th, 30 Participants, very popular and all had a good time. Appx $300 for attendees + $100 for food.
   iii. Harvest Grill and Bar had a fire in February. No re-open date so far. New social co-chair should decide where to hold happy hour and make arrangements for future happy hours.
   iv. Wants to take the postdocs to “Informed Consent” this weekend at the Lantern theater.
   v. TedX Penn – April 1st. Reuben wants to organize postdoc tickets. Should be about $20 per person.

h. Symposium – Ben/Glenna/Sayantani/Lori
   i. Lori wants to join the symposium committee. Need to coordinate communications between the Co-chairs.

i. Environmental – Terry/Kristen
   i. Purchased supplies for starting seeds to plant this week.
   ii. Fatimah will help.

j. Fundraising – Terry/Beau
   i. 12 vendors for the vendor show on Thursday, Feb 23rd. BRB lobby 10-2:30.

k. Foreign National Committee (FNC) – Jagmohan/Helene/Nicole
   i. Questions about the postdoc lunches.
   ii. 6 new postdocs showed up at the welcome session.
1. Website updates – Terry/Jennine/Amanda/Jason
   i. Archiving the old website.

m. Treasurer – Beau
   i. The total balance of the account is $12,510.73
   ii. The total expense of January 2017 is $967.69
   iii. The income of January 2017 is from the vendor payment for the vendor show, which accounts for $610
   iv. Here is the transaction details:
      1. $248.40 from 12th street catering
      2. $59.29 petty cash to Jagmohan Hooda
      3. $750 for SAL ACTUALS $15 for 3 table covers used for BPC immigration seminar
      4. $5 for 1 table cover used for BPC seminar
      5. $250 for award poster
      6. $250 for KUMAR Award
      7. The total expense of December 2016 is $1708.31 Here is the transaction details:
      8. $453 from Axis Pizza
      9. $61 for BPC Research Symposium 1 HR AV OT DR $97.50 BPC Research Symposium 1.5 hr SSA OT, Agency $97.50 BPC Research Symposium 1.5 hr SSA OT, Rosario, H
      10. $46.71 petty cash to Richard William Davis
   v. Symposium payouts: $1,708 (from last year)

n. Seminar Series – Andrea/Jagmohan

o. Career Enhancement & Training (CET) – Dorian/Jagmohan/Sean
   i. There is an important talk overlapping with our BPC meeting on February and I will likely not be able to come at the meeting.
   UPDATE: The CET has an upcoming seminar on Feb 28, titled "Life after p-hacking". A preliminary number of registrations is 40, we expect quite more because of the high relevance of the topic and the prestige of the speaker (Joseph Simmons, Wharton School).

   ii. On March 30, we have scheduled a first seminar in the Interdisciplinary Series, titled "Introduction to Neuroimaging". A well-known personality of Penn will come for this, John Detre. Please advertise these seminars as much as you can. Please make sure with Mary Anne or Morgan that the ads are being posted also in electronic boards. Food wise, I am still planning to use Axis, but would welcome suggestions on qualitative food with decent service (knowing the problems that Axis have caused on a few occasions). I will meet with Jagmohan and Deniele to go over the remaining requests we received for interdisciplinary seminars from the December survey.

   iii. The CET is open and welcoming new co-chairs. We need people that take initiatives and push us all to be more active. The
CET aims at providing a unique window on cutting edge scientific topics and aspects of our formation which may not be covered by the BPP or by our departments. The CET offers an opportunity for postdocs to experience what does it mean to be of service inside your institution, a task that anyone will likely be performing when becoming (assistant) professors.

5. Other updates/agenda from members
   a. Shaun O’Brian is organizing a march for science and is trying to get funding on April 22nd on Washington and Philadelphia for travel.

6. Updates from BPP Office - Morgan/Lauren/Mary Anne/Susan
   a. No updates

7. Next Meeting — March 6th, 2017, 5 PM.