

POST DOCTORAL COUNCIL

March 29, 2017

8:30 – 10 a.m.

TMC Executive Offices

Council Members Present:

Victoria McDonell, MD Anderson

Nick Keiser, Rice University

Ivan Liadi, MD Anderson

Alejandro Tortoriello, MD Anderson

Sarah Woodfield, Baylor College of Medicine

Reuben Fan, Baylor College of Medicine

Marci Kang, Rice University

Jonathan Martinez, Houston Methodist

Rajan Chaudhari, MD Anderson

Leslie Beckman, UTHealth

Devika Varma, Rice University

Simone Punt, MD Anderson

Guest Speaker Present:

TMC Members Present:

Tim Garson, Director of Health Policy Institute

Erik Halvorsen, Director of Innovation Institute

Tatum Boatwright, Marketing Associate

HIGHLIGHTS:

I. Welcome & Introductions

- The council meeting began shortly after 8:30 a.m. All members went around the room and introduced themselves.
- Co-Chairs for this councils were nominated and decided on for this council at the meeting. Our chairs will be Leslie Beckman, UTHealth and Dr. Garson, TMC Health Policy Institute.

II. Guest Speaker –Leslie Beckman, Program Manager, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, UTHealth

- To kick off our first meeting, Leslie discussed the background and goals she would like to see in the council. Not being a post doc, Leslie was able to provide an outsider perspective for the group. Working with the post doc community, Leslie was able to distinguish a common concern among fellows. Everyone shares the same problems but struggle communicating and sharing these with other post docs throughout the TMC campus.
- All members we able to go around and share their background and ideas they had for the council.

III. Great Ideas will come!

- Dr. Garson asked each member to think about ideas during Erik's presentation. After the presentation, we would ask members to go around the room to discuss. He posed the question:
“What can we do as a council that the institutions cannot do on their own?”
- Members went around the table to share a little bit about themselves and the programs they are involved in already with other post docs. All members stated their current concerns and future goals they would like to receive out of the council. Below are different ideas mentioned in the meeting.
 - Most institutions have not found a way to really communicate and centralize with the post doc or TMC community. The goal of this council will allow for networking communication.
 - There is not a current way for post docs to communicate with one another. A new member suggested creating a platform where information exchange could take place.
 - Rice University recently opened their post doc community. As a new community, they wondered if they could bring in a new level of support and leverage from what other institutions are doing.

- Throughout the year, the council can look into hosting a networking event and allow for council members to bring other post docs to learn about the council and initiatives taking place in the post doc community.

IV. TMC Innovation Institute Overview – Erik Halvorsen, Director, TMC Innovation Institute

- Erik Halvorsen provided a general overview of the TMC innovation institute, one of the five TMC institutes. The institute opened their doors a couple of years back and aims to shape the future of health care by facilitating developmental collaboration among health and life science entrepreneurs, startups, industry leaders and the TMC.
- The Innovation Institute currently has five programs that operate inside their doors: TMCx, TMCx+, Biodesign, JLABS and AT&T Foundry. Building a community that drives on innovation, the institute will become a resource for council members to network and attend events or open curriculum courses.

V. Council Goals and Mission:

- *Postdoctoral Research Fellows from various graduate program meet to identify core resources and collaborators, create a framework for representation on campus and in the local community, and foster a sense of innovation.*

VI. Action Items:

- **Council Members:** Please send other ideas or goals you would like to seem form from this council. You can send your suggestions to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu)
- **Council Members:** If you would like a tour the TMC Innovation Institute of the space, please let us know and we can work on scheduling a time. You can email you interest and the number of questions to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu)
- **Council Members:** If you would like to receive the TMC Innovation Newsletter, please email Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu) and we will subscribe you.
- **Council Members:** Below you will find 2 different links for resources to look at on the TMC website.
 - TMC Calendar – please feel free to upload your events that you would like to share with the community or use this to find TMC events. (<http://www.tmc.edu/news/tmc-events/>)
 - TMC Councils – we are working to develop the Post Doc page where we can upload agendas, presentation or highlights. Use this link as a resource to see what is currently happening. (<http://www.tmc.edu/about-tmc/councils/>)
- **Council Members:** Mark your calendars for the TMC Innovation Demo Day on June 8, 2017 at the Innovation Institute! We can send out a registration link once this is open!

Next Meeting:

TBD 2017

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