

POST DOCTORAL COUNCIL

May 18, 2017

8:30 – 10 a.m.

TMC Executive Offices

TMC Council Members Present:

Ivan Liadi, MD Anderson

Alejandro Tororiello, MD Anderson

Devika Varma, Rice University

Leslie Coward, Baylor College of Medicine

Sarah Woodfield, Baylor College of Medicine

Rajan Chaudhari, MD Anderson

Daniel Kinenki, Rice University

Maric Kang, Rice University

Leslie Beckman, UTHealth

Birgitte Punt, MD Anderson

Jonathan Martinez, Houston Methodist

TMC Guests Present:

TMC Members Present:

Tim Garson, Director, Health Policy Institute

HIGHLIGHTS

I. Welcome & Introductions

- The council commenced shortly after 8:30 a.m. All members present, went around the room and introduce themselves.

II. Council Recruitment & Ideas – Tatum Boatwright, Texas Medical Center

- Our council kicked off second discussing the most beneficial ways to discuss the best recruitment tactics for each institution. We would love to continue to expand this council into a community where Post Docs can come together and collaborate.
- As the council continues to expand, our goal is for members from different institutions to send Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu) the student names to invite and include on the master contact list.
- Another discussion that was brought from this group is whether we will limit the post docs from academia communities or expanding this to include other minds at the table. During this conversation, the council decided to not limit this to just academia, as other minds and experience could allow for more collaborative effort among the community.

III. What are you doing today - In the next 6- months – year to move your career forward?

- Members present were asked to split into small groups of two or three members from other institutions. During their time, they discussed a little bit about each of themselves. This allowed members to hear and learn about one another. Ideally, we would hope for post docs to gain insight from each other and be able to take resources and advice back to their programs.
- At the end of the small group session, we asked groups to share a little bit about what was discussed. Overall, we felt that this time was beneficial for the post docs to work together and exchange information.

IV. Council Planning – TMC Post Doc Networking Session

- The council would like to work on a networking opportunity for the council to meet with one another and allow the opportunity to bring Post Docs together and show the existence of our council. The dates that were picked are below
 - **Tuesday, July 18 from 4 – 6 p.m.**
 - **Thursday, July 20 from 4 – 6 p.m.**
 - **Tuesday, July 25 from 4 – 6 p.m.**
 - **Thursday, July 27 from 4 – 6 p.m.**

- In order to host this type of event, we will need a planning committee. Many members at the meeting showed interest to help make sure this is planned and ran smoothly. We will need about five to six volunteers that are willing to recruit and invite guests to gain the best presence possible.
- Items that the planning committee will need to organize and discuss –
 - Guest list
 - Networking opportunities with local institutions or companies and how to gain a national presence
 - Bringing in contacts from the innovation institute, if we would like to see a program, what would we want to see?
 - Parking and transportation efforts

V. Action Items:

- **Council Members:** If you would like to include additional post docs to our council, please send their name and contact information to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu)
- **Council Members:** Please find the dates below to host our networking opportunity at the TMC Innovation Institute. Send Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu) your preferred date by Friday, June 2.
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- **Council Members:** If you are interested in helping plan our networking event, please send your name and information to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu) by Friday, June 2. We will hold a planning meeting at the beginning of June.

Next Meeting:

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