

UNDSMHS Research Committee
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Colin Combs, James Foster, Robert Sticca, Mehedi Masfique, Motoki Takaku, Sarah Sletten, Andrew Williams, Sandeep Singhal, Erika Johnson, Shawnda Schroeder, Ken Ruit

Absent: Collette Adamsen, Don Sens, Mikhail Golovko, Brad Gibbens, Katie Shahwan

Agenda Item	Summary	Action/Follow-up
Call meeting to order	Meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by James Foster.	
Approval of minutes from Oct. 25, 2023.	October minutes were reviewed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sticca moved to approved the October minutes and Dr. Schroeder seconded. The motion to approve was unanimously approved by the attending members.
Frank Low Research Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speaker: Susan Amara, NIH • Format: hybrid but how can we get more onsite attendance? • Judging: screen abstracts like last year or entertain the idea of having each group or department judge their own poster/presentations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Amara is confirmed as in-person speaker for FLRD. NIH will pay for her travel expenses. • 135 abstracts were submitted last year, about ¾ were presented remotely. ¼ were traditional, in-person posters. Keynote speaker was in-person. • Biggest issue each year is finding enough judges. Last year the abstracts were scored by committee and only those that scored within a certain range were judged. Main reason for not getting enough judges for this event is because it's a full day event. • Dr. Singhal noted that we need judges with different expertise for different types of abstracts. • Dr. Mehedi suggested all abstracts being in-person and shorten the judging time to 5 hours. • Dr. Singhal and Foster are in favor of only judging the abstracts who meet certain score like last year. • One challenging with pre-screening abstracts is we don't always know who edited the abstract. It is easier to judge that during presentation. • Dr. Combs suggested sending out standard template for abstract pre-screening as judging wasn't fair last year. We could try to find more judges to help with pre-screening by getting chairs involved to help with participation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members should review survey and send additional questions to be added to Dr. Foster. • Drs. Foster and Williams will send out updated survey.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Foster noted that everyone was allowed to present, even if they won't be judged. • Dr. Combs said students don't show up if they aren't being judged. • Dr. Sticca said in conferences he's involved with, they use a standard template and less than half are passed on to be judged. We need to figure out a way for them to note that they were involved with FLRD even if they aren't being judged. Agreed that we don't want to be judging things way outside of our fields. • Dr. Takaku asked what the actual goal of this event is and noted that judging for selection based on abstracts may not be efficient. • Dr. Foster said the goal is to celebrate students from different programs (7 different categories). The event also gives students practice on submitting abstracts and presenting. • Dr. Sticca asked if all submitted abstracts are included in program. • Dr. Foster said yes they are all included on the website. We used to print program but that hasn't been done since pre-COVID. They can list on their CVs that they had an abstract included in FLRD. • We had 19 or 20 judges on the day of the event last year. Can we double the number of judges for this year's event? • Do judges get anything out of participating in this event? We had a judges' room and, in the past, refreshments were provided. Most judges use this on their CVs. • One issue in getting more judges is that classes are not cancelled on the day of the event. Could other classes (besides for med students) and meetings be cancelled? Can we ask the Dean? • Call for judges is usually sent out 3 to 4 times to the entire med school list serv. How can we get people excited about the event again? • Dr. Combs asked about publishing a conference proceedings. He is in favor of standardizing abstract format, finding more judges to screen and getting more judges for the day of. We know which departments to look for more judges. We should keep it hybrid for those that can't attend in person. • Dr. Mehedi volunteered to help with finding judges. • Dr. Williams volunteered to help with sending out updated survey. 	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Combs mentioned that we have been looking at ROI of seed grants and this data has been helpful. We may want to look at 	

	tweaking RFA once the strategic plan has been finalized for the next round.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm.	