

RESEARCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Monday, August 15, 2022
4:00 to 5:00 pm
Zoom

Attendees: Wadih Arap, Elisa Bandera, Adam Berger, Stephen Burley, Chang Chan, Shridar Ganesan, Sanjay Goel, Carolyn Heckman, Christian Hinrichs, Howard Hochster, Yibin Kang, Anita Kinney, Edmund Lattime, Cristina Montagna, Renata Pasqualini, Zhiyuan Shen, Ioannis Stasinopoulos, Linda Tanzer, Eileen White, Wei-Xing Zong

Agenda

1. Monthly Catchment Area Updates

- The COE team recently held a Strategic Planning retreat, with 39 staff and 14 community navigators.
 - o Plans are being made for a centralized Community Engagement Program.
- The new mobile unit is being prepared.
 - o It will feature a design chosen through a contest among high school students.
 - o The licensing process for it is still underway.
 - o The COE team is also waiting for its accessibility ramp to arrive.
- Feedback from the CCAB will be incorporated into the Future Plans for the COE Research Strategy.
- The Citizen Scientist program continues to be enhanced, and the COE team is exploring ways to connect them with Members.
- It was noted that some community organizations would like researchers to be speakers.
- Dr. Ganesan stated that he would want members of the CCAB to attend the Molecular Tumor Board meetings.
- The need to engage more patient advocates on the SRB was also discussed.
- The COE team is working on ways to engage the public to help them to learn about precision medicine, including a social media campaign.

2. New Investigator Award Nominations

- Nominees for New Investigator Awards were discussed: Benjamin Bates (CPC), Ai Lim (Princeton University who would be a fit for CMI), and Pingping Hou (CP, CIPT).
- There was preliminary approval of the nominees, and Center Administration will confirm what funding is available through the AD budgets and the CCSG.
 - o Dr. Kang stated that he would use his AD, Consortium Research budget for this fiscal year to help with awarding NIAs.
- There was discussion of the Membership application for Dr. Ai Lim and preliminary approval.
- Another new Princeton University faculty member, Dr. Michele Chan, was discussed and it was decided that she should be invited to apply for membership.

3. Strategic Plan

- Please see the attached presentation.

- For part of the Strategic Plan that are by necessity five-year plans, we must make it clear that 20% each year is acceptable.
- The suggestion was made to add a strategy to address the limitations of Rutgers University, i.e., the complications of the hiring process.
 - o It was noted that CINJ is adding an HR generalist and more staffing into Rutgers UHR via an MOU.
 - o There was continued concern about Rutgers University's required background checks and the resulting delays in hiring.
 - o Linda Tanzer stated that all of these concerns have been getting escalated. Further. Rutgers' HR has faced a lot of turnover, further exacerbating the issues.
- The RLC was informed that Dr. Ciolino of the NCI was very impressed at the CCSG Pre-Application Meeting with the NCI with CINJ's use of Envisio to track the Strategic Plan.
 - o Perhaps the other components of the CCSG could mention some Strategic Plan metrics or Envisio.
- For Shared Resources, there was review of a proposed process for developing an S10 funding mechanism. It was stated that the CINJ Grants Office can support the application process.

Next Meeting

September 22, 2022 via Zoom