

Consortium Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2022
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Zoom

Committee Attendees: Adam Berger, Stephen Burley, Karla Ewalt, Shridar Ganesan, Haejin In, Yibin Kang, Anita Kinney, Edmund Lattime, Joshua Rabinowitz, Benjamin Raphael, Zhiyuan Shen, Linda Tanzer, Eileen White

Administration Attendees: Gina Londino-Greenberg, Nando Cirelli

1. Updates on Cancer Center Support Grant Competing Renewal Application and 2023 NCI Site Visit

- Please see attached presentation from Gina Londino-Greenberg.
- It was noted that Dr. Nieng Yan recently left Princeton University effective November 1, 2022.
- Administration was asked to send the committee members the DT2 for the Princeton University Members.

2. COE/CPC Collaborations

- Dr. Kang recently presented at a Community Science Café. Dr. Kinney and the COE team would like to have more presenters from Princeton University.
 - o It is crucial that CCSG Member from Princeton University present at these Community Science Cafés. There is the option of having a trainee be the presenter, as long as their mentor attends.
 - o Dr. Raphael stated that he would be interested in presenting. He also recommended that Dr. Mona Singh be invited as a presenter.
 - o Dr. Rabinowitz confirmed that he would like to present prior to March 2023.
- Dr. Kinney noted that CINJ is seeking more robust interactions between the CPC/Pop Sci Members and Princeton University researchers. Recommendations were requested for potential faculty to approach about collaboration.

3. Plan to Enhance Diversity Opportunities with Princeton University

- Please see attached presentation from Dr. In.
- Dr. In was advised to add a Basic Research faculty member to the DEI Steering Committee.
 - o Liaisons for the DEI Steering Committee do not have to be CCSG Research Program Members.
 - o It was recommended for the DEI Steering Committee to be more CCSG-centric.
- Princeton University has a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Office and Dr. Ewalt can connect Dr. In with this office.
 - o There may be programs with the Princeton University DEI Office that could be opportunities for collaboration. Members of this Office could also be invited as members or liaisons for CINJ's DEI Steering Committee.

- There was agreement that it was advisable for CINJ's DEI Office to have its own initiatives while still tapping into larger ones available through the Rutgers and Princeton University DEI Offices.

4. New Training Initiatives

- Please see the attached presentation given by Dr. Lattime.
- Dr. Lattime noted the need to recruit interns for the upcoming summer internship program.
 - o There were questions around how this internship program was being advertised, and Dr. Lattime stated that he welcomed suggestions for how to promote awareness of the program.
- Efforts are underway to apply for another T32 grant.
- For the active T32, only postdoctoral appointees who are U.S. citizens or holders of green cards may participate. There is a need to identify more candidates who fit these criteria.
- The next Annual Retreat on Cancer Research in New Jersey is being planned for the Fall of 2023, due to the pending NCI Site Visit in the Spring of 2023.
 - o Planning is also underway for the next Consortium Cancer Research Symposium. The question was raised regarding whether to combine these two events for 2023.
 - o The Consortium Steering Committee agreed that it was best to keep them separate events, as they serve different purposes.
 - o It was noted that the next Annual Retreat on Cancer Research in New Jersey should have DEI integrated throughout its agenda.

5. Team Science Grants

- There was discussion of potential team science projects between Rutgers and Princeton Universities that could ultimately result in large multi-project awards such as P01s or SPOREs.
- Dr. White noted that significant resources could be allocated to support such endeavors.
- Dr. Shen stated how the P01 that he leads will need to be renewed in two years. The Princeton University Members already attending the P01 working group meetings could be engaged in the renewal application.
- Dr. Cristina Montagna's research on genomic structures may also be a means of engaging Princeton University Members, such as Dr. Sabine Petry.
- Studies in the spatial sequencing of the tumor microenvironment could also be another means of engaging Princeton University researchers.
 - o Dr. Raphael will think about opportunities in this area of research and he should be followed up with in a few months.
- Another pilot award RFA should go out in 2023 to support efforts toward applications for large multi-project awards.