

Minutes for the RIPPT Business Meeting

Indianapolis, Indiana

February 5, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 pm

JW Marriott White River Ballroom

Present (based on sign-in sheet that was circulated): Stuart Binder-Macleod, Alma Merians, Stacy Fritz, Phil McClure, Rebecca Craik, Andrew Butler, Margaret Schenkman, Diane Heislein, Mary Shall, Scott Hasson, Tony Delitto, Kathy Kelly, Kari Dunning, Emily Keshner, Sally Westcott McCoy, Bob Palisano, Jim Gordon, Mary Beth Mandich, Ross Arena, Eric Hegedus, Dan Erb, Mark Bowden, Maura Iversen, Richard Souza, Gretchen Salsich, Patrick Kitzman, John Buford, James Thomas, Gary Chleboun, Julie Keysor, Sue Ann Sisto, Michael Mueller, Shane Phillips, Ann Van de Winckel, Jim Carey, Mark Sleeper, Zoher Kapasi, Rob Martin, Jeff Kinsella-Shaw

- 1) Minutes from ELC meeting were not available.
- 2) Announcements
 - Inaugural mixer with SoR for PhD students and post-doctoral fellows. Friday, February 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, JW Marriott, White River Ballroom
- 3) Discussion regarding ELC 2015 –
 - a. Dr. Jules Dewald is chairing the organizing committee for the workshop that we will hold prior to ELC 2015. The topic will be, “Methods for Funding of PhD Students and Postdoctoral Fellows.” Methods for funding to be discussed include: institutional and individual training grants; research contracts and grants; and departmental or institutional funds, such as TA or GA positions. The goal of the workshop will be to identify best practices for securing funding via each of these mechanisms. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for 3 hours and will likely include presentations, panel discussions, and round table discussions. There was considerable discussion regarding the pros and cons of charging a registration fee for the workshop. Representatives from ACAPT, Drs. Richard Segal (ACAPT liaison to the RIPPT) and Zoher Kapasi (ACAPT VP) both assured the group that ACAPT is very supportive of the RIPPT and will provide more funds than our \$5,000 yearly allocation if it is needed. A decision to charge a registration fee will be made by the RIPPT executive committee in consultation with the workshop organizing committee.
 - b. We also discussed a half-day strategic planning meeting prior to ELC 2015. The executive committee will form a committee to organize this meeting.
- 4) Dr. Jim Gordon led the discussion regarding the creation of a data base outlining all graduate programs offered by PT departments and programs. Dr. John Buford offered to create a web site for inputting the data. We agreed that everyone will input their own data, we will review the content, and then the site will be made public.
- 5) Dr. Ross Arena led the discussion regarding the progress of the Benchmark Task Force. Following some lively discussion, we agreed on a final format for both the publication and funding benchmark spreadsheets. The format for reporting publications will be through Web of Science and consist of a graph illustrating historical publications and citations. The accompanying table generated by the Web of Science report will also be included as well as the search term(s) used. Extramural funding will be reported through an Excel spreadsheet. The first iteration of extramural grant reporting will only include federally funded grants. Funding agency, grant number, grant title, total annual award amount, total annual award amount

incorporated in to PT Department budget, and role of the PT faculty member are key variables that will be reported. In addition, total FTEs within a Department committed to scholarship will be reported.

There was consensus that this data would not be ranked by publication or funding metrics. We agreed the intent is to provide benchmark data that would be of value to the profession as a whole and for a given institution to advocate for additional resources.

Dr. Arena will share the worksheets and request that each member of RIPPT complete the worksheets. The data will be reviewed by the members of the RIPPT and then posted. The mechanism for posting to still to be determined, but will use the ACAPT website.