



Centre for Bioengineering & Biotechnology
Operational Steering Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday August 31, 2016

9:00 – 10:30 pm, East Campus 4, Room 2031 (EC4-2031)

Present: Catherine Burns, Safieddin Safavi-Naeini, Trevor Charles, Melanie Campbell, Marc Aucoin, Shirley Fenton, Chekema Prince, Krystina Bednarowski

Regrets: Brendan McConkey, Karim Karim, John Yeow

Discussion Items:

- Biomed discussion groups open to PHD students, CBB trying to set up regular schedule this year. 3rd Thursday of every month. Marc – Chem Eng is hiring new faculty this fall. Seminar presentations are open to all, potential biomed discussion group talk.
- Sept 23 - Dr. Edwards, Director of Bio zone, UofT will give a talk for Biotechnology Week celebration.
- Sept 9 – AGM earlier this year to present the 5year plan to membership before we include in our renewal materials to senate.
- Nominating committee: (see TOR) and approximate January timeline to start process
 - o Melanie Campbell, Science
 - o Marc Aucoin, Engineering
- New Science building has offered CBB and the Centre for Microbial Research some desk space to allow for collaboration opportunities.
- Developing RIA relationships (Ali). Richard Hughson to present/meet with members to determine ways to work with RIA
- [Canadian Society of Microbiology Conference 2016](#) (CSM) June 20 - 23, 2017. Conference co-chairs are Josh Neufeld and Laura Hug. CBB can support. (Trevor)
- CREATE proposals (2) Brendan and Trevor.

Action Items:

- Catherine to touch base with Rod Gorbet about Environment faculty involvement with CBB
- Catherine to touch base with RIA president about CBB's involvement in living sensor network project



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Status Report

Action Items Updates/Outstanding:

- Circulate CBB's seminar/lecture structure document and ask for seminar suggestions.
Constitution updates circulated to membership for vote/comments – Result: Approved

Centre Updates:

- Company visits and events: (Sept 1 onward)
 - o Sept 9 – CBB AGM (3-5 pm, UW Club-Burgundy Room)
 - o Sept 14 – Pizza with the Prof (GRH)
 - o Sept 16 – Johnson and Johnson (OOR)
 - o Sept 21 – IP Case Study (WatCo)
 - o Sept 26 – ICL meet/greet with OOR (Israel Chemical Group)
 - o Sept 26+ – Global Biotech Week (ends Oct 2), Dr. Edwards, UoT - TBC
 - o Sept 30 – CBB Constitution updates – Poll Closing
 - o Oct – Orion Health focus day – TBC
 - o Oct 12 – Academic-Industry Forum: Greenhouse Gases – OOR, CBB, WISE, IC3 and OCE
 - o Oct 12 – Pizza with the Profs (GRH)
 - o Oct 17 – CBB Renewal submittal to SGRC/Senate
 - o Oct 24 – Lab Tour: CCLR
 - o Oct 31+ - Twente Workshop at UW (ends Nov 11)

Upcoming Calendar:

- o Nov – Covalon focus day - TBC
- o Nov 14/21 – CBB Renewal SGRC/Senate edits/decisions
- o Nov 16-18 – Sorbonne visit in Paris, France – TBC
- o Nov 18 – Hacking Health (CBB co-sponsor)
- o Dec 12/19 - CBB Renewal SGRC/Senate decisions
- o Dec 14 – Pizza with the Prof (GRH)
- o Dec 15 – Biomedical Discussion Group – TBC
- o Spring – Bioinnovations Series Visionary Speaker: Dr. Cui, Institute of Biomedical Engineering, Oxford University – TBC

Upcoming Action Items:

1. Website
 - a. Potential new research group in agriculture
 - b. Potential International outreach page
2. Determine speakers for
 - a. Pizza with the Profs (GRH)
 - b. Biomedical Discussion Group – Faculty or PhD Students.
 - c. Visionary Speaker 2016