

10.20.21 MRIC Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Tracy Kress, Salika Lawrence, Sylvia Twersky, Erica Kalinowski, Matthew Mizuhara, Ting Sun, Shannon Conklin, John Leonard, Erika Mohebbi, Christina Rubulotta

The meeting started at 1:32pm

1. Welcome new member Christina Rubulotta
2. Committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes from 9/29/21.
3. Co-chairs provided an update on recruiting volunteer reviewers. Four (4) faculty members have volunteered so far, and the co-chairs will continue recruitment efforts to ensure representation from each school including reaching out to past awardees. In the next few weeks, the final list of volunteers will be shared with the MRIC Council electronically for review and approval.
4. Discussion about current processes used to engage students with MUSE and strategies to recruit more students including student workshops/presentations to encourage students from underrepresented groups to be part of the program. Conversation included:
 - a. Factors that hinder participation by some in the MUSE process.
 - b. Recommendations for developing a college-wide initiative to link faculty with students.
 - c. Ways career development tools can be used to increase awareness of MUSE and to connect students with faculty looking for students for their research projects.
 - d. Potential impact or benefits of this initiative on increasing students' awareness about faculty-student research opportunities.
 - e. Establishing a list of best practices for encouraging departments/faculty to engage/select students from underrepresented groups, and pathways for reaching students and for faculty to get access to students.
 - i. Outreach to James Felton, EOF and Pride mentoring
 - f. The Council agreed to pilot a virtual program this semester via Career Development - using Air Meet as mechanism for hosting Lightning Talks between faculty and students. A follow up survey will be used to get faculty and student feedback.
 - g. Next time, the Council will discuss ways to increase the stipend for students.
 - h. A subgroup from the Council will create a recruitment document for dissemination to departments across campus.
5. Co-chairs provided an update on faculty workshop for MUSE proposal. They are working on identifying information sessions.
6. Set next meeting
 - a. Nov 3 – subcommittee to work on guidance documents
 - b. November 17, 1:30-2:30
 - c. Feb 2

Meeting adjourned at 2:28pm

Respectfully submitted by Salika Lawrence