

9/14/22 MRIC meeting minutes

In attendance: Eva Detroia, Sophia Scholz, Tracy Kress, Matthew Mizuhara, Suzanne McCotter, Salika Lawrence, Sylvia Twersky, John Leonard, Jinsil Kim

The meeting started at 1:30

1. Committee elected chair and vice-chair
 - a. Chair: Sylvia
 - b. Vice-chair: Matt
 - c. Vote approved unanimously
2. Discussion on future meeting modality
 - a. Zoom meetings when not reviewing MUSE applications
 - b. In person meetings to review applications
3. Discussion on 2023 MUSE RFPs
 - a. John and Tracy updated RFP from last year and introduced two new forms for externally funded students
 - b. Committee will read and send changes to John and Tracy by Monday (9/19)
4. Discussion on MUSE student stipends
 - a. Comparison of current student stipends against REU data and anecdotal data from colleagues
 - b. Discussion on barriers to students' access (food insecurity, cost of living in NJ) and methods to promote access for students who otherwise would not be able to participate
 - c. Proposal: keep current student stipend and housing amounts; include needs based additional living expense funding.
 - d. Future discussions on meal plans: leverage existing TCNJ meal plan accessibility to Campus Town, explore how other programs handle meals (e.g., EOF, Bonner). See if campus vans can be used to make weekly trips for groceries
5. MUSE Networking and Info Session
 - a. Discussion on when to hold this fall. Decision: Oct 19 (3-4pm) with online modality. Advertisement coming out Friday (9/16).
 - b. Student members will help advertise to students through student government.
6. Future discussions
 - a. Internships (bring in e.g., CEL)
 - b. Externally funded and graduate student participants in MUSE