ETCD Council Conference Call
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
11:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. MT/1:00 p.m. CT/2:00 p.m. ET
https://zoom.us/j/99250230491

In Attendance
Valerie Myers, PhD (chair)
Courtney P. Bonner, PhD
Vicki DiLillo, PhD
Andrea Kozak, PhD
Erika Montanaro, PhD
Carina Nigg, MSc (guest)
Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Regrets
Morgan Lee, PhD, MPH
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin

Welcome and Minutes
The July 2021 ETCD Council call minutes were approved as written.

2022 Annual Meeting Abstract Submissions
Council members reported on the session proposals they submitted for the 2022 SBM Annual Meeting, including the panel discussion on transitioning from assistant to associate professor developed by Drs. DiLillo and Kozak. Dr. Myers shared a note from Dr. Sheinfeld Gorin regarding her submission of a second ethics session similar to the one presented during the 2021 Annual Meeting, while Ms. Nigg added that the Student SIG proposed a wrap-up session for the first year of the Early-Career Mentoring Program.

Diversity Institute Update
Dr. Bonner reported that the Diversity Institute Steering Committee recently held a check-in call with the institute’s small group mentors. Mentors shared their experiences with their groups thus far and exchanged resources and readings that other groups might find useful throughout the rest of the institute year. The call also included a brief brainstorm on potential revisions to the mentorship component of the institute for 2022.

The Steering Committee will continue to discuss potential changes to the workshop content and mentorship process before finalizing and circulating applications for 2022 later in the fall.
Early-Career Mentoring Program Update
Ms. Nigg reported that peer group mentoring meetings continue to be held regularly as part of the Early Career Mentoring Program, and that she has been in conversation with the Student SIG about applications for a new program cohort for 2022.

Ms. Nigg added that she would be recruiting a coordinating committee from among Student SIG leadership to manage the application process and plan the next kickoff session. Once those applications have been submitted and reviewed, Ms. Nigg asked the council for their assistance with matching accepted participants into new mentorship groups, noting the similarity between that task and the group assignments done in advance of Meet the Fellows. Dr. Myers agreed that ETCD should take on mentor matching for the program, either together as a council or led by 1-2 volunteer members.

Other Business
Dr. Montanaro enquired whether SBM would have any interest in hosting a resource that promotes the scholarship of BIPOC members: Another organization of which she is a member hosts a crowdsourced document where BIPOC members can upload links to their publications, and a similar resource may be useful for the SBM membership.

Mr. Schmidt noted that while it would likely not be possible to host a fully user-editable document on the SBM website, however an alternative system where members could submit items for approval by ETCD could be workable. Dr. Myers also expressed concerns about potential copyright issues with hosting articles published outside of SBM’s journals, however Dr. Montanaro clarifying that the resource would be intended to provide citations or links to content rather than directly hosting publications.

Dr. Myers encouraged Dr. Montanaro to draft a summary of the resource for further discussion by the council and eventual submission to SBM leadership.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, October 12; 2 p.m. ET