

SOCIETY *of* BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Better Health Through Behavior Change

ETCD Council Conference Call MINUTES

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In Attendance

Amy Huebschmann, MD (chair)
Karen Oliver, PhD
Nicole Zarrett, PhD
Georita Marie Frierson, PhD
Andrea Kozak, PhD
Lori Pbert, PhD
Vicki DiLillo, PhD
Andrea Cherrington, PhD (guest)
Mary Dean (staff)
Anne Hahn (staff)

Regrets

Jamie Bodenlos, PhD

Welcome

Dr. Huebschmann welcomed the council members to the call.

Discussion of Achievement Awards

- Distinguished Mentor
 - Dawn Wilson is the top choice of the three council members that reviewed her
 - This was an exceptionally competitive year
 - The council would like to provide feedback the following to the Awards Committee:
 - A more explicit definition of what a distinguished mentor is would be helpful to nominators.
 - The council suggests that a distinguished mentor be defined as someone who is a senior faculty member who has been in the field for a good number of years.
 - They also suggest that a chart listing the mentor's mentees and their accomplishments/current activities be included as part of the application. This would help to demonstrate the mentor's impact on the field.
- Outstanding Dissertation
 - The reviewers would like to suggest that either two Outstanding Dissertation awards be given or a third reviewer step in to break the tie between their top two very competitive candidates.
 - The top two candidates were:
 - Rachel Goode, PhD, MSW, LCSW
 - Assistant professor
 - Involved in SBM
 - Outstanding publications
 - Letter of support was outstanding
 - Binge eating intervention for African American women who are overweight or obese
 - There is no current research in this area
 - Roman Shrestha, MPH, PhD
 - postdoc
 - HIV prevention/intervention adaption
 - Pilot program aimed at optimizing pre-exposure prophylaxis with those who use drugs
 - Great publications
 - 32 published
 - 4 under review
 - Applied for NSF grant and did not receive, but this demonstrates independence
 - Was awarded two SEED grants to fund his dissertation

- His dissertation was used to get an RO1 grant for his lab
 - Both were very innovative with their research
 - Both seem to be from underserved backgrounds
 - Both are active in SBM
 - Publications:
 - Roman Shrestha has more and more first authorships
 - Rachel Goode has some higher profile journals
 - The group decided to ask the Awards Committee whether it would be possible to give two awardees the award
 - If this was not possible, they would ask that the Awards Committee review the applications and choose between the two
 - The group will reach out to the Awards Committee to determine whether it is possible to give two awards before giving final recommendations
- Student Awards
 - Travel Scholarship
 - Reviewers for the first set of travel applicants (Vicki and Andrea Cherrington) chose Claire Conley and Sara Hoffman
 - The reviewers for the second set of applicants (Jim and Georita) had two frontrunners, Leah Schumacher and Roman Shrestha, with a close third choice of Emily Wycoff
 - One of the questions that is very important is whether the applicants have exhausted all other options in terms of funding and it seems that each of these applicants had done so
 - Excellence in Research
 - Alicia Dahl, Mackenzie Perkett, and Lucia Florindez were identified as top candidates
 - Both reviewers (Andrea Kozak and Barbara) identified Perkett as their front runner
 - They also discussed the merits of Alicia Dahl and Lucia Florindez
 - Alicia Dahl
 - Overall project was very clear and strong
 - Clear definition of what the money would be used for
 - Lucia Florindez
 - Applied last year and is still working on getting dissertation done
 - From underserved group
 - The group decided that Mackenzie Perkett was their first choice with Alicia Dahl as their second choice
- Training Program Award
 - Ohio State University's application was the only submission and it was determined that it merited an award.
- Recap
 - Depending on the Awards Committee's decision regarding the Outstanding Dissertation Award, the council came up with three options:
 - Option A: if dissertation is split between Shrestha and Goode – the student awards we recommend are:
 - Research excellence: Mackenzie Perkett
 - Travel awards: Leah Schumacher, Roman Shrestha, Claire Conley, Sara Hoffman
 - Option B: if dissertation is awarded to Shrestha based on the Awards Committee's re-review of their applications, the student awards we recommend are:
 - Research excellence: Mackenzie Perkett and Alicia Dahl
 - Travel awards: Leah Schumacher, Claire Conley, Sara Hoffman
 - Option C: If dissertation is awarded to Goode based on the Awards Committee's re-review of their applications, the student awards we recommend are:
 - Research excellence: Mackenzie Perkett
 - Travel awards: Leah Schumacher, Roman Shrestha, Claire Conley, Sara Hoffman

Next Meeting

January 9 3-4:00 p.m. ET.