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**ETCD Council Conference Call
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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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
Carina Nigg, MSc (guest)
Andrew Schmidt (staff)

Regrets

Morgan Lee, PhD, MPH
Erika Montanaro, PhD
Sherri Sheinfeld Gorin

Welcome and Minutes

The December 2021 ETCD Council call minutes were approved as written.

Early-Career Mentoring Program Update

Ms. Nigg reported that, with the exception of one mentoring group who disbanded following a period of non-communication from their mentor, Early-Career Mentoring Program participants continue to meet regularly in their peer groups.

The council considered policies for identifying future groups that might need assistance, or allowing mentees or mentors to get in touch with organizers if they feel the program isn't meeting their expectations. Council members proposed administering a regular survey, beginning a few weeks after the initial meeting and quarterly thereafter, to evaluate engagement and collect feedback from participants.

Diversity Institute Update

Dr. Bonner reported that the Diversity Institute steering committee had recently completed its review of 17 new applications for the 2022-23 program, and would soon be selecting 11 to join the 14 previously-waitlisted participants.

Dr. Bonner also shared an update on a named giving initiative intended to offset the cost of tuition for the next five years of the institute. Dr. Bonner will provide more information about the campaign and a request for ETCD members to get involved via email in the coming weeks.

2002 Achievement Awards Update

Dr. Myers again thanked the council for their efforts in reviewing the 2022 Distinguished Student Awards and Outstanding Dissertation Award, and reported that the Awards Committee met last week to make its final decisions regarding those awards and the other achievement awards for the year. SBM staff will be reaching out to award nominees and nominators to share results in the coming days.

2022 Annual Meeting Poster Mentoring Program

Dr. Myers shared an email template and prospect spreadsheet similar to those used by ETCD to invite new poster mentors for previous years' Annual Meetings.

The council discussed including other groups within SBM that might serve as sources of potential mentors, beyond past mentors new fellows. Among those identified were past participants in the Leadership Institute and Diversity Institute, as well as any volunteer mentors for the Early-Career Mentoring Program who haven't already served as poster mentors.

The council also discussed adjusting the timeline for inviting poster mentors and mentees given the current spread of COVID-19. Dr. Myers noted that while the Annual Meeting is still moving forward as a fully in-person event and infection rates will likely be markedly different in April, prevailing conditions could make poster mentors and presenters reluctant to commit until closer to the meeting dates. Dr. Kozak added that it may be necessary to invite a larger number of potential mentors initially, as some regular SBM attendees could be unwilling or unable to travel to the Annual Meeting this year.

Next steps:

- Council members will review the prospective poster mentor lists and select invitees from among them. Dr. Myers encouraged the council to particularly consider potential mentors from among those groups who might have an interest in joining the ETCD Council after the Annual Meeting.

Diversifying Course Syllabi Template

Tabled until the next ETCD Council call.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 8; 2 p.m. ET