**Council of Biomedical Graduate Students**

**4/15/2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Location: HEB 233**

**Start Time: 5.00 pm**

**Present:**

Cara DeAngelis, President

Joshua Breidenbach, Vice President

Sayani Bhattacharjee, Secretary

Briana Zellner, MMI Track Representative

Kelsey Murphy, NND Track Representative

Robin Su, MD/PhD Representative

Rajan Paudel, BRIM/BIPG Track Representative

Mackenzie Abel, First Year Representative

Dr. Kandace Williams, Faculty Advisor

Dr. Jyl Matson, Faculty Advisor

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Old Business**

1. **GRF: Winners:**
   1. Poster Finalists:

1st: Kathryn Becker

2nd: Jin Chen

3rd: Rachel Golonka

4th: Irum Syed

5th: Sangita Sridharan

Oral Finalists:

1st: Gayatri Subramanian

2nd: Sarah Galla

3rd: Neha Nandedkar

Congratulations to all the winners!

* 1. Thank you emails to judges sent.
  2. Total Expenses – Waiting to hear back from Amit
  3. Feedback- We went over some of the comments for this year’s GRF. Most are positive or constructive feedback. For example, it would be a good idea to have lunch with the keynote speaker after the keynote speech so that students can ask more questions. We should consider these comments while planning for next year’s GRF.

**III. New Business**

1. **Elections:**

* President’s position offered to Josh, which he did not accept.
* All other positions will be open for elections
* We decided to open the positions for nominations by sending out an email this week. Nominations will be considered for one week and then another week will be given to the students to vote. To avoid false or duplicate votes, voting will not be anonymous this time.

1. **Spring Event:** We might not be able to find time for a Spring event this time.

**IV. GRF 2020 : March 17th – 18th**

* **Tuesday, March 17th**: Preliminary Poster and Oral Sessions. (Dr. Sonenberg arrives into Detroit).
* **Wednesday, March 18th**: Graduate Research Forum Finalist Session/Lunch with Dr. Sonenberg/Keynote Address.
* **Thursday, March 19th**: Meet with the Department of Cancer Biology and Research Seminar. (Cost covered by the Department of Cancer Biology).  
  **Friday, March 20th:** Fly back to Montreal.

Next Meeting – May: TBA: Meeting between present and new council to hand over duties and files

**IV. Adjournment**

**End Time: 5:22 pm**