

School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences Research Student Advisory Group

DATE: Tuesday 16th May 2023

TIME: 12-1:00 pm

PLACE: Room 306-68, Chemistry Building

Present: Amanda Carozzi, Quinn Zhao, Sean Riek, Chendi Yu, Mitchell Sorbello, Gabriel Foley, Yichi Zhang, Carol Pomfret, Anthony Bengochea, Yastika Banerjee, Zoe Ingram, Zannati Zaoti, Samuel Davis, Shaun McAnally, Qi Zhao, Jiahui Zhang.

Apologies: Jody Peters, Basil Kaniewski, Tuan Tran.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country was spoken by Sean (the Chair), in recognition of the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was taking place.

1.2 Welcome

The Chair, Sean Riek, welcomed all members to the 3rd meeting of RSAG for 2023.

3. Mutual share drive access:

Quinn has added all individuals who were not on the list, however, a few remain missing and will be addressed at a later time.

5. RSAG Committee reports:

5.1 SCMB Research Committee meeting (Wed 19th April). Sam briefly highlighted the financial year/research income at UQ.

5.2 HDR Committee (Wed 26th April): Tuan was absent due to some overlapped schedule, so Quinn reported on his behalf. The committee has finalised several issues:

- Domestic/International scholarship ranking
- Student accommodation
- Café catch up (Everyone is welcome to join. Please email Quinn if interested)
- HDR Induction (Wed 10th May): Sean and Sam attended the induction to greet newly admitted HDR students at SCMB.

5.3 EDIC Committee: No updates.

5.4.EAC Committee: No updates.

5.5 HDR Student Representative Forum: cancelled at the last minute.

6. Topics of relevance to SCMB research students

6.1 HDR: Availability of accommodation for new PhD/MPhil students is a growing issue of concern, due to Brisbane's recent extreme housing crisis.

A mentoring program will be organised shortly, which will include coffee vouchers. Please email Quinn (quinn.zhao@uq.edu.au) if interested.

6.2 Honours: No updates.

7. Organising Symposium:

7.1 Share Drive Layout (<\\nas02.storage.uq.edu.au\SCI\SCMB\Operations\RSCC>). If anyone is missing from the list, please contact Quinn for assistance.

7.2 Preferred method of communication: Everyone is encouraged to contact Sean or Shaun to be added if anyone is missing.

7.3 Confirm date for the symposium: Had a clash with the SCMB Christmas party so RSAG moved to Wed 29th Nov 2023. Confirmation will be made at the next meeting.

7.4 Advertising and promotion: RSAG will continue to discuss the advertising opportunities once the date is confirmed.

7.5 Venue: HLO will manage bookings/reservations. HLO will look to the rooms at Hawken as a first choice if available.

7.6 Sponsorship: The list of sponsors should be finalised by the next meeting.

7.7 Plenary Speakers: RSAG continues to vote in SLACK and shortlist potential speakers by the next meeting.

7.8 Timeline: Will discuss and set a timeline for relevant jobs (each sub-group of RSAG will be majorly responsible).

8. Additional item: None

9. Upcoming Other Business: shortlist the final potential invited speakers.

10. Next Meeting: 13th June 2023