JGGB Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2011, UC Berkeley 10:00 AM.

Attendance: Amy Herr, Rebecca Pauling, SarahJane Taylor
Tele-conference: Tejal Desai, Shuvo Roy, John Kurhanewicz

MINUTES

• April minutes were reviewed, vote and approved. No minutes were taken in September, October.

• Admissions update: 513 applications received, 68 offered admission, 37 accepted, 1 deferral. Several incoming students are coming with fellowships. The Admission Committee did a great job resulting in an outstanding group of incoming students.

• Admissions Committee Policy was reviewed and suggested process improvements and modifications to the online data for reviewers were discussed. Reinforcement of the Do Not Admit sponsored students received after the due date or wait list students with fellowships was discussed and will be officially drafted into the admissions policies. Research interest areas tend to change, it was suggested to not consider interest areas when reviewing and ranking applications, also the importance of considering adequate lab space for interest areas, and caution not to narrow the focus for applicants. Before changes are made to the Admissions Review Process more exploration is to be done, Amy Herr was selected to lead the Admission Sub-Committee and will conduct a fact finding investigation, with faculty and first year students. This will be discussed at the JGGB faculty meeting during the Annual Conference/Retreat this October.

• Faculty Application: Adam Abate was voted in as a Core member. Generally new department faculty either at UCB or UCSF received core membership status.

• Executive Committee Election Nominations: 3 spots available, 1 B, 1 SF, 1 either campus vote by May 26. Great appreciation to out going members Song Li, Amy Herr, and Shuvo Roy for their invaluable service to the Group.

• Newsletter, the next issue is proceeding, requesting student focused articles.

• MS Program update: 187 applications, 35 interviewed, 22 offered admissions, 16 accepted plus 2 will continue. Top students applying, most seem to be coming from industry a nice diverse mix. The first class is completing and participated in commencement ceremonies.

• Faculty Participation Review will be conducted in July.

• Final Rotation Poster Session, Year End Social- Friday, May 20 @ 4:00 UCSF Mission Bay Genentech Hall Atrium, faculty attendance encouraged. BEAST award presentations!!!! Everyone is encouraged to attend.

• 1st Year Review Wednesday, June 8 (lunch) UCSF Mission Bay BH212, with Executive Committee.

• UC System Wide Bioengineering Symposium, UCSB June 13-15, JGGB will sponsor several students to attend.

• New Student Orientation Tuesday, August 23 UCSF Save the date!!

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