Attendance in person: Lukasz Bugaj, Tejal Desai, Eric Jabart, John Kurhanewicz, Sanjay Kumar, Christine Leon, Amy Orsborn, Rebecca Pauling, SarahJane Taylor, Joey Wilson, Sophie Wong

Teleconference: Shuvo Roy, Christoph Schreiner

• Admissions: John Kurhanewicz presented the admission committee’s recommendations following the two visit days. These were ratified by the executive committee, with approval to send decisions to 82 students. There were 2-3 remaining phone interviews of international students, and arrangements were made to identify interviewers and follow up with them for feedback.

• BigBEAR program: PhD students Eric Jabart, Christine Leon, and Amy Orsborn gave a short presentation about BigBEAR, a student-run program to match PhD students with undergraduate researchers. BigBEAR is currently considering the extent to which it will partner with BEAST going forward (e.g. operate independently vs merge).

• First-year final rotation presentations: May 23 was discussed as a date for the final rotation presentation for first-year JGGB students, to be held at UCSF. Details will be confirmed shortly.

• Gerard Marriott has prepared a report evaluating and providing recommendations on the admissions process. That report will be presented and discussed at the May 7 meeting of the Executive Committee.