IIGB FACULTY FORUM  
June 24, 2011: 12:00pm  
Genomics Auditorium, Rm 1102  

MINUTES–

I. Introduction
A. Natasha Raikhel introduced the new IIGB/CEPCEB financial analyst: Michelle Alcocer
B. It was a year of many prestigious awards for IIGB/CEPCEB faculty
   i. Posted on IIGB website
   ii. Incl. first HHMI appointment at UCR: Xuemei Chen
C. Many High-end Publications were received by IIGB/CEPCEB/CDVR faculty this year
D. Two Retentions were negotiated that will affect IIGB’s Future
   i. Shou-wei Ding: will receive five positions, 1 position/yr
   ii. Natasha Raikhel: for the next five years, eff. 7/1/11:
      1. Will receive five positions, 1 position/yr, college searches
      2. IIGB operating budget will be increased to $75K/yr
      3. Bioinformatics programmer will be funded for five years
      4. Funding for core facilities and admin staff will stay at current levels
E. There is an opportunity to purchase and house high-end equipment: in core facilities for campus use as part of Xuemei Chen’s HHMI’s award (detailed later)

II. New IIGB Initiatives
A. 2011-12 IIGB Flagship Seminar Series
   i. New high-profile seminar series that will merge IIGB/CEPCEB/CDVR/IGERT seminars into one series scheduled on Fridays at noon
   ii. Once a GGB Director has been selected, the possibility of incorporating GGB and CMDB seminars into the Friday noon seminars will be explored.
   iii. Elite Speakers will be hosted 1x/mo
   iv. Additional emphasis will be on Training Students/Postdocs
      1. Student-coordinated Seminar will be hosted 1x/qtr
      2. Informal speaker/student group sessions immediately following seminar will be scheduled as much as possible as part of speakers’ itineraries
      3. Refreshments will be offered prior to seminar
      4. Brian Federici mentioned that IIGB students/postdocs are often not on email distribution lists; efforts to obtain lab personnel contact information for all active IIGB participants are being initiated
      5. Frances Sladek recommended that efforts be directed towards making seminar series a required course for students
B. Faculty Seminar Coordinators will select speakers to represent different areas
   i. CEPCEB: Patty Springer/Linda Walling
   ii. CDVR: Joao Pedra/Peter Atkinson
   iii. IIGB: Sarjeet Gill/Karine Le Roch
   iv. Student Coordinator: Christi Ann Scott
      (Christi.scott@email.ucr.edu)
C. Action Items –
   i. Please respond to email note requesting contact information of lab personnel; return to Guille Vallejo at guilleb@ucr.edu so can maintain email distribution lists that reach all IIGB researchers
   ii. Please submit speaker ideas to Guille Vallejo with short description of research and rationale for invitation

III. Career Day (pilot experiment in 2011)
   A. 2011 Career Day was an incredible success!
      i. Attended by 100 attendees in Genomics building (57 graduate student, 22 postdocs, 21 other academics)
      ii. 13 Speakers from academia, industry, science writing, patent law participated in the event
      iii. Committee consisted of Isgouhi Kaloshian (chair), Anupama Dahanukar, Hailing Jin, and Jason Stajich
   B. It was determined that Career Day will be an annual event
   C. 2012 Career Day
      i. Isgouhi Kaloshian has agreed to chair the next event
      ii. The 2012 Career Day will be open to students and postdocs of IIGB members

IV. Faculty Recruitments
   A. Fall 2011
      i. Two college searches will be conducted, with a commitment to obtain the best junior faculty
      ii. The stated preference is to select researchers working on well-established models and, whenever possible, to embrace medically-related basic science
      iii. Shou-wei’s position will focus on animal virology and epigenetics, possibly strengthening NIH project proposals submitted by IIGB
      iv. Natasha mentioned that she is open to suggestions for the focus of the second college search.
      v. A search committee will be appointed as soon as the main themes of recruitment have been developed. Both positions will be advertised together.
   B. Action Item –
      i. Email to Shou-wei (dingsw@ucr.edu) and Natasha (nraikhel@ucr.edu) suggestions regarding research areas to target for two faculty recruitments in 2012, either expanding on existing expertise within IIGB or introducing new area: provide short descriptions to explain views, and include benefits to IIGB and UCR at large.

V. Multidisciplinary Project and Training Grants
   A. Two Multidisciplinary NIH T32 Training Proposal Submissions in 2011:
      i. May 2011: NIH T32 Pre-doctoral Proposal with PI Xuemei Chen and 13 key faculty personnel; support for 26 graduate students requested.
      ii. Fall 2010: NIH T32 Pre- and Post-doctoral Proposal submitted with PI Peter Atkinson
   B. Natasha encouraged faculty to consider ideas for, as well as their participation in, an NIH multidisciplinary project proposal. Those with NIH grants were encouraged to meet and brainstorm a specific theme/idea. Peter Atkinson was selected to spearhead the effort, and to determine a direction within the next two weeks.
      i. It was mentioned by Frances Sladek that the group might want to consider NIH R24 proposals to increase opportunities for funding.
ii. David Lo suggested that researchers who have NIH collaborative publications and projects be encouraged to participate as this adds increased value for reviewers.

C. Action Item –
   i. Peter Atkinson will report to Natasha in two weeks regarding the direction and nature of the next NIH multidisciplinary project proposal.

VI. Small Grants and Equipment Purchasing
   A. IIGB Seed Grants
      i. Will be sponsored by IIGB Core facilities with matching donations by industry, with the following goals:
         1. Promote cutting-edge multi-disciplinary research in genomics, bioinformatics, microscopy and proteomics on the UCR campus
         2. Enhance the stature of IIGB as a recognized center of innovation, i.e., combining cell biology and deep-sequencing technologies and applications.
   B. State-of-the-art Equipment Purchases from HHMI Appointment (Xuemei Chen).
      i. Illumina MiSeq: relieve burden of HiSeq2000; faster reads
      ii. Zeiss 710: more sensitivity, analysis and versatility than existing confocals

VII. Upcoming Symposiums
   A. CEPCEB 10-year Symposium (2012)
   B. Biennial CDVR Symposium (2012)

VIII. Genomics Building
   A. Space assignments will be evaluated every three years by the Genomics Building Advisory Committee in terms of productivity and service.
   B. Pending Purchases
      i. Six additional desk workstations on fourth floor (Rms 4230, 4206)
      ii. Additional bench seating in Boardroom perimeter
      iii. Privacy screens in Rm 1208
      iv. Lobby screens in Genomics Building and Keen Hall (pending)