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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING  
LACUNY JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE  
September 8, 2010  
Skylight Conference Room, Graduate Center

**Members in Attendance:**

Amy Ballmer, Graduate Center (co-chair)  
Cynthia Tobar, Graduate Center (co-chair)  
Harold Gee (Baruch)  
Rebecca Arzola (Lehman)  
Stephanie Halvelka (Lehman)  
Joseph Hartnett (Baruch)  
Anamika Dasgupta (York)

First, we talked about the PSC grant info session. We decided to postpone the information event because of changes in the PSC-CUNY research awards application process. Since the application deadline has been pushed back to January 15 there is no reason to have an information session before we have any information. We will contact Paul Cole, one of our tentative speakers from RFCUNY, to reschedule once the new application process has been determined. If members have any more questions they would like addressed to the panel, they were instructed to email Amy or Cynthia so that they can be included in the info session.

Next, we talked about the new LACUNY mentoring program. 11 mentors & mentees were selected. An invite is forthcoming for selected participants. An announcement will go out to Culibs for the next round of applications. This was followed with tentative plans for upcoming programming. Cynthia mentioned a possible follow-up to the PSC info session could be an upcoming meeting on Grant proposal-writing that would apply to non-PSC grants as well. Amy suggested another meeting to focus how to locate grants and its implications for attaining tenure. Anamika also suggested that there be a segment that talks about collaboration between library & non-library faculty when pursuing grant opportunities. We will coordinate these meetings in the coming months after the PSC info session has been rescheduled. Amy discussed plans for a meeting to center on submitting articles to Open Access Journals. Harold suggested that we could put a call out in CULIBS for faculty members who have published in OAJs to share their experiences. Anamika also mentioned that ISI Web of Knowledge is a good resource for looking for top-ranking OAJs. Amy also added another possible speaker could be the editor of Urban Journal.

Brainstorming ideas for future sessions from membership included:

- Have recently-tenured faculty come share their experiences of what worked and what didn't for them attaining tenure; where was the emphasis placed at your respective campus-publishing? grants? service?
- Request was made by Rebecca to have another meeting focus on the publisher perspective, with general tips for submitting articles.

We then discussed the formation of peer review groups to offer feedback for articles, conference papers, etc. They could be discipline-specific or general in scope. Stephanie mentioned that it would be a good idea to begin these groups as Google groups where you can post a work in progress for a group to review remotely. Anamika also suggested that these groups could provide resources such as lists of which journals to submit articles.

Some basic housekeeping was discussed regarding scheduling and the group decided that it was best to schedule meetings far in advance to allow members to plan accordingly via Doodle. The scheduling of social hours was also discussed, with a reminder of our upcoming Zines tour at ABC No Rio and Cocktails at White Star on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Members should email either Amy or Cynthia with suggestions for future events.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Cynthia Tobar, Graduate Center*