

Biostatistics Faculty Meeting

May 28, 2013

12:15-1:15 PM

AGENDA

Present: Faculty: Karen Bandeen-Roche; Brian Caffo; Elizabeth Colantuoni; Ciprian Crainiceanu; Martin Lindquist; John McGready; Chuck Rohde; Michael Rosenblum; Elizabeth Sugar; Margaret Taub; Rick Thompson; Gayane Yenokyan; Scott Zeger; Vadim Zipunnikov; **Staff:** Mary Joy Argo.

Guests: Lori Rosman; Stella Seal.

Announcements

Karen Bandeen-Roche announced that Leah Jager will be joining us as an assistant scientist sometime in late July-early August.

Karen updated everyone on the search for a new seminar day and time. Monday at noon is emerging as the most popular choice, by far, and will likely be the day and time we ultimately settle on. Karen will keep everyone apprised.

Michael Rosenblum announced the formation of a new working group focused on individualized health that he and Ruth Faden, a bioethicist, will be leading. This multidisciplinary group aims to leverage our local expertise to develop methods and implement solutions that directly benefit sufferers from a particular disease. The meeting schedule will be announced shortly.

E-Reserves

Lori Rosman introduced Stella Seal from Welch Medical Library, who gave a [presentation](#) on accessing Welch's new e-reserves software "ares". Unlike Welch's previous software, ares "talks" to ISIS/CoursePlus so that it automatically receives current information on courses, enrollments, etc. Stella noted that Welch is working with the ares programmers to modify the software so that batch downloads of articles are available.

One issue that arose in a subsequent discussion is whether or not non-enrolled students who have access to CoursePlus materials as "guests" will be able to access articles posted via ares (Stella will look into this and report back to us). In response to the commonly-asked question "Why can't I just post my own files?" Stella explained that when they teach a course, faculty are acting as representatives of the university and such, are subject to the same copyright/licensing rules and regulations as the university as a whole. Faculty who post articles, or links, via CoursePlus without going through ares cannot be completely sure that they have the necessary clearance to do so. Posting snippets of an article (ie, an

abstract or table), however, is usually allowable provided the article is properly cited (“fair use”). Less clear (and still to be worked out) is what is allowable for faculty involved in MOOCs and the like that do not have “enrolled” students in the traditional sense. Hopkins legal counsel is looking into this issue and any updates to the current policy will be passed along.

CoursePlus Syllabus-Editing Feature

Because CoursePlus was unexpectedly offline today, John McGready was unable to present an overview of its syllabus-editing feature. John will put together and circulate a short video on the subject, once CoursePlus is up and running again. By way of background, Karen explained that once the School’s reaccreditation process begins, faculty will once again need to make sure that course descriptions, learning objectives, and syllabi are in line with CEPH’s (the accrediting agency’s) standards. Elizabeth Holt, the School’s reaccreditation coordinator, will be addressing these and other related concerns at the June 11 faculty meeting.

Space

Karen gave an update to the discussion at the [April 23 faculty meeting](#) regarding a possible reconfiguration of the Library into expanded office space. The counter-proposal suggested at the April 23 meeting was to flip the meeting room and outer area sections so that the current meeting room space would house 6-8 students and the current outer area would become the meeting room area (the meeting room table would be moved).

Karen presented a [map](#) of the current departmental space showing the various office “groupings” for students, staff, postdocs, faculty, and visitors. Beyond student concerns, we also need to keep in mind that we will be needing 2-3 more offices for future tenure-track hires. There was agreement on the need for filling any empty offices as soon as possible so as not to lose the space.

Through discussion, the following suggestions/recommendations emerged:

1. Keep the current Library meeting room space as is (but with the additions of an outside door to the W3500 corridor and a wall separating it from the outer library room).
2. Convert the “outer” library room into 2-3 offices (which could be used for students or faculty).
3. Reconfigure the Genome Café to be the department’s central meeting place/social area (add couches, coffee machines, etc.).
4. Convert E3518 (two-person office where Elizabeth Sweeney currently sits) into a 4-5 person student office as needed for next year.
5. Move offices for jointly-appointed faculty to the E3500 corridor.
6. Assign our new tenure-track faculty (Ani Eloyan and Betsy Ogburn) to offices along the E3600 corridor (one in Rafa’s old office, one in what used to be one of the jointly-appointed faculty offices) if they so prefer.
7. Keep a single one-person visitor’s office somewhere along the E3500 corridor (not necessarily in the same office it is now).
8. Keep a multi-person visitor’s office for individuals who are longer-term visiting faculty/scholars and don’t need to have meetings while they are here.

9. Re-evaluate the number of postdocs who will be here for 2013-14, and if necessary, look into increasing the number of postdocs per office from 2 to 3.
10. Where appropriate, move genomics-oriented postdocs into one or more of the designated computational genomics offices along the E3000 corridor.