

DOM Researchers' Meeting: 6.22.23

Turnout (~15): Less people than last time; Potential Issues: Timing (end of June), Zoom Format, Lateness of agenda, waning interest.

How do we gain gravity and get more people to participate? Each attendee can try to bring at least one person next time; make the forum fun, informative and engaging. Set specific agenda.

What format should these meetings take? *Are we the right forum to identify and deal with infrastructure issues? Can these meetings serve to relay information from Sr. to Jr. researchers? Question and Answer forums? "Speed-dating" research sessions that bring people together? What are the topics for future meetings?*

Take-Aways: We need to actively engage the DOM Chair and the incoming BMC CSO. Many topics have been discussed, but we should drill down on our top priorities to present to leadership.

Retreat Format Ideas:

- 5 minute lightening talks by various investigators: *Who are you? What do you do? What obstacle do you need to overcome to be successful?*
- Round Table Discussions: *What should be the topics for discussion? Should they be broken down into the classic buckets (basic research, translational, clinical)? Infrastructure issues?*
- Time of Year: *Beginning of 2024?* This gives time for Evan's Day in October at which we can advertise for this retreat.
- Event Organizers: *Francesca? Jr Investigator(s)?*
- Presentations: *Leadership: DOM Chair and BMC CSO on Vision and Scope for Research, Overview of Cores and Resources, Outside speakers?*
- Diversity: *How do we handle the diversity of research being conducted on campus so as to engage everyone? How many people should we aim to have at the retreat?*
- Social Engagement: *To get people to come, the program should be dynamic and involve fun and social time. Where should we have the event? Off campus? Tee shirts for all attendees?*