

# Meeting Minutes

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## Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium

May 8, 2010

- 2010 Symposium Wrap-up meeting
  - Judging Issues
    - Have separate comment/ raw number sheets for next year, caused issues with presenters
    - Separate social science into more specific fields (Psychology, Sociology, ect...)
    - More judges in each field
  - Other overall issues/ thoughts
    - Poster size, consider allowing larger, standard size posters
      - One poster per easel; could cause issues with poster session transitions
    - Poster session length
      - Consider adding another 30 minutes to each poster sessions to allow judges/ presenters to view additional posters
    - UIC; no longer list as a sponsor school unless we receive funds
    - Roundtable Presentations: have more topics!
      - Medical school admissions
      - GRE/ MCAT representative
      - More industry representatives
      - Grad program representatives
      - Additional fellowship/ internship (REU) opportunities
    - Normalization Program
      - Fundamentally does not work
      - Consult with a statistician to construct new program
    - Advertising
      - Additional posters
      - Spam listervs
      - Talk in large classes
      - Facebook group and other networking sites/ groups
      - School calendars
      - Kick-off event/ study break at each school
    - Funding
      - Must get funding from UChicago; will schedule to meet with provost soon
      - Consider outside funding
        - Additional large corporate sponsors
        - NSF grants

- 2011 Symposium!
  - Host: UChicago is next in line; must receive funding (will work on over summer)
    - If not UChicago, Loyola is next in line
  - Location: TBD (Gleacher Center, downtown?)
  - Date: Beginning of spring quarter/ 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
  - Budget: \$23, 000 (2010 budget was just under 20K)
  - Speakers: This must be done first thing in the fall! Possibilities:
    - John Cacioppo
      - Psychologist at UChicago; Social Neuroscience
      - <http://psychology.uchicago.edu/people/faculty/cacioppo/index.shtml>
    - Chad Mirkin
      - Chemist at Northwestern, Nanotechnology, Advisor for the Obama administration
      - may be too specialized/ expensive
      - <http://chemgroups.northwestern.edu/mirkingroup/>
    - Wendy Wolbach
      - Chemist at DPU, studies meteorites and the extinction theories of dinosaurs
      - <http://chemistry.depaul.edu/wwolbach/researchdescript.html>
    - **COME UP WITH ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE PRESENTERS!!!**
  - Lake Forest College
    - Talk with them about becoming a sponsored school
    - Dr. Rami Y. Levin (Levin@lakeforest.edu)
      - Director of Center for Chicago Programs
      - Associate Dean of Faculty