

BMS Tech Sci Group Survey

- **This group was organized with support from the Department to give the technical staff within the department a forum to come together and share ideas and experiences and to better their working environment within the department**
- **Survey administered October 2012**
- **Survey consisted of 9 questions**
- **Response rate 70% (21/30)**
- **18/21 responders had attended one or more of the meetings**
- **20/21 responders would like to see the group continue**
- **No new suggestions for a name**

3. How important are each of the following choices in determining whether or not you will attend the meeting?

| Importance level | Not at all to slightly | Moderately to very |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Interaction with colleagues | 3 | 18 |
| Meeting topic | 3 | 18 |
| Meeting location | 7 | 14 |
| Free lunch | 8 | 12 |

4. Please rate your interest in the following topics for presentations:

| Topic <small>** already covered in a meeting</small> | somewhat or very interested <small>(out of 21 respondents)</small> |
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| Wellness at Cornell | 20 (95%) |
| Departmental resources** (covered in part) | 20 (95%) |
| Retirement planning** | 19 (90%) |
| Benefits at Cornell | 19 (90%) |
| Waste disposal and recycling at the Vet School | 18 (86%) |
| Lab safety** | 17 (81%) |
| Self-development | 17 (81%) |
| Core facilities at Cornell** | 16 (76%) |
| Personal health | 15 (71%) |
| CARE (Cornell Center for Animal Resources and Education) | 14 (67%) |
| IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee)** | 13 (62%) |
| IBC (Institutional biosafety committee) | 13 (62%) |
| KFS (Kuali Financial System) | 12 (57%) |
| Resume building | 12 (57%) |
| Kronos | 8 (38%) |
| Vendor representatives | 6 (29%) |

Meeting Topic Summary

| Summary of meetings | | | |
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| Month | Topic | # attendees (# RSVP) | Speaker(s) |
| April | Introductory meeting | 9 (12) | Scott Butler, Jane Lee |
| May | IACUC | 14 (15) | Rob Felt, Christine Bellezza |
| June | Core Facilities at Cornell | 14 (15) | George Grills |
| July | EH&S updates | 15 (16) | Frank Cantone, Brenda Coolbaugh, Alexis Brubaker |
| August | Student Employment | 11 (13) | Nicole Waterman, Nelson Burdick |
| September | Histology Core and Mammalian Cell Reprogramming Core | 14 (18) | Marty Slade, Rob Munroe |
| October | Retirement Benefits* | 25 (22) | Mary Zielinski, Margaret Moon |
| | *10 BMS admin staff were invited to join us for this particular meeting, 3 came | | |
| November | FSAP | 19(20) | Gabriel Tornusciolo |

| Future Meetings | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|
| January | General housekeeping | Jane Lee, Scott Butler, Bob Doran, Diane Ten Kate |
| February | Waste disposal | Paul Jennette |
| March | Imaging in the Department | Bob Doran |
| April | CARE | Phillipe Baneux (anticipated) |
| May | Employee Degree Program | To be determined |
| June | Cooking with Wellness | Ruth Merle-Doyle (anticipated) |



Wegmans

5. Please indicate your satisfaction with the food provided

- Overall food choice has been satisfactory
- Healthy alternatives and vegetarian options are appreciated



7. What do you like best about the BMS technical science group?

Here are the comments we received:

The effort the department is making toward the career development and well being of the support staff is very commendable

Learning about other sections of our department.

different topics

Diversity of topics

It draws together functions of the department that you wouldn't normally be aware of.

the session of CU core facility was somewhat helpful

It is nice to have a forum where we as technicians can seek advice and tap into the experiences of our peers. And if you can do that over lunch it is even better!

variety of topics and getting to know what others do in their area

It's good to interact with technicians in the context of being technicians, which is a little less focused on academia as a whole, if that makes sense.

It's a good chance to network with other staff members in BMS. There are a lot of little things to learn at these meetings that can be tremendously helpful (like who to best contact for help, etc)

It's great to get some insight into what services are available in the department and to learn about what else is going on outside of my lab.

getting to know people in different labs

Getting to know the other technicians in the department.

Different topics that are important for daily operation. Interaction with people from different labs.

8. What could be improved about the BMS technical science group?

I think that the BMS technical group is developing nicely.

I hope the presenters could be better prepared to deliver useful info

I would like to see a more even distribution of techs from all parts of the department but I understand that it is not always possible.

not sure yet what exactly direction is but maybe some technical tutorials if others have interest.

I'm not sure. It seems to be going fine.

At this time I have no suggestions.

More "advertising" to increase attendance. Maybe posting flyers by the elevator and/or stairs would increase awareness of the meetings.

I really like it.

Ideas? Volunteers?

- Contact information:
 - Jane Lee jcl54
 - Scott Butler sdb9
- We are always open for any suggestions
- Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome
- We are exploring into the possibility of having a webpage link on the on BMS homepage
- Please let us know of any new hires in the department who we could include