**ISL Faculty Affiliates Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 18th, 2pm-2:30pm**

**Attendance:**

Neil Charness, Walter Boot, Victoria Simon, Martina Luchetti, Yazmeen Hamza, Kofi Sorkpor, Bob Hickner, Lynn Panton, Julia Sheffler, Lucinda Graven, Jasminka Ilick-Ernst, Zhe He, Ravinder Nagpal, Patricia Born, Laurie Abbott, Mark Isaac

**News and Announcements:**

* Dr. Charness gave a shoutout and big thank you to anyone who makes or comes up with suggestions for ISL and we want you all to know we take them seriously. Thank you to faculty affiliate Ravinder Nagpal for the suggestion of starting a Linked-In page for ISL. Here is the link to our page, if you would like to follow us there: https://www.linkedin.com/company/97863667
* As always, if you have any changes in tenure status/promotions/news to share, grad student news, email them to Victoria she will post it to our channels. We will hopefully have our Newsletter up and running again soon as well.
* Dr. Charness also wanted to mention our Blog that we post. It can highlight your recent research or publications. We will be happy to post them and get the word out for you. You can view our blogs on our ISL website: [Blog | The Institute for Successful Longevity (fsu.edu)](https://isl.fsu.edu/blog)
* Again, here is the link to our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Institute-for-Successful-Longevity-1479906995652565

**Other Faculty Affiliate News**

* Congratulations to ISL Faculty Affiliate Pamela Keel who was selected for membership in the Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine of Florida.
* ISL Faculty Affiliate Dr. Lucinda Graven and her colleagues, were recently awarded a grant funded by Veterans Administration Office of Rural Health - Veterans Rural Health Resource Center-GNV. Totaling in $240,799, the research project is titled "Supporting Physical & Mental Health in Rural Veterans with Heart Failure." The research will begin in October 2023 and span through September 2024.
* ISL's Associate Director, Walter Boot (Department of Psychology) and ISL Faculty Affiliate, Dawn Carr (Sociology), are members of an interdisciplinary research team (along with researchers at Cornell University and Weill Cornell Medicine) that recently received an award from the National Institute on Aging totaling over $2.8M to understand the potential benefits of virtual reality (VR) on the wellbeing of older adults with and without cognitive impairments. The aim is to develop a home-based intervention that will pair older individuals experiencing cognitive impairment with non-impaired older adult volunteers. Benefits are expected both for the individual with cognitive impairment, including enhanced social support and quality of life, and the volunteer in terms of purpose and meaning in life.
* ISL Faculty Affiliates Dr. Ravinder Nagpal, and Dr. Zhe He, in addition to a team of FSU researchers co-led by ISL Faculty Affiliate Professor Bob Hickner, receive a four-year, $1.9 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Led out of the FSU College of Medicine, the center involves nine FSU colleges and 17 researchers. They will study the cumulative consequences of chemical and psychosocial stressors on child health through the Bioecological Center for Rural Children’s Health. Ravinder Nagpal came onto the Zoom chat to be sure to acknowledge that Greg Stanwood and Bob Hickner are the co-leaders on the project and that himself alongside the others, are Co-I’s and shared the below link: <https://news.fsu.edu/news/health-medicine/2023/08/21/fsu-team-receives-1-9m-to-examine-stressors-on-child-health-in-rural-areas/> At the end of the meeting during the Q&A, Dr. Charness noted the chat and reassured him we want to feature/highlight our Faculty Affiliates. Dr. Nagpal understood and just wanted to be clear on the PI’s/Co-I’s.

**Vote for New Affiliate**

* We have sent around a poll regarding an ISL Faculty Affiliate applicant. As you know, our affiliate addition requires a poll for both the Faculty Affiliates and the Joint Advisory Board Members. Dr. Charness wanted to note that her most recent grant does in fact deal with older adults.

**ISL Successful Longevity Speaker**

* The third time is the charm! We have tried two prior times in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 to bring Jeff Kaye here and we have rescheduled.
* National expert on aging, Jeff Kaye, M.D., of Oregon Health & Science University, will be visiting us **November 30th**.
* 10am at the Tallahassee Senior Center, Dr. Kaye will be speaking in a panel discussion with a short Q&A, **"Smarter Homes for Better Aging“** alongside some of FSU’s aging experts.
* At 3:30pm in the Broad Auditorium of FSU’s Claude Pepper Center, Dr. Kaye will be giving a lecture: “**Using Technology to Advance Aging Research**,” which will be followed by a reception. We hope you can join us for one or both events!
* Dr. Charness noted that this panel talk is more geared toward the general public but feel free to join us for one or both. Victoria has sent out calendar items for both the panel and the talk.

**ISL Fall Brown Bags**

* Come out and support our next Brown Bag speaker.
* **Tuesday, September 26th at noon, Dr. Long Xie : “Restoring Hearing with Cochlear Implants in Older Adults: Benefits and Limitations”**
* For Fall we have:
  + October 2nd, Dr. Leo Liu at noon: “Title TBD”
  + November 6th, Dr. Zhe He- at noon: “Title TBD” Dr. Charness noted that He will be talking on his Planning Grant research.
  + Dr. Charness or Dr. Boot will most likely be talking in December. If you would like to present your research in December, let Victoria know.

**ISL Spring Brown Bags**

* We will be looking for Spring Brown Bag Series Speakers. We encourage those with planning grant funding to present their results as well as new affiliates to inform everyone about your areas of expertise and/or to showcase your research.

**GSA Annual Scientific Meeting- Tampa**

* This year’s Annual GSA Scientific Meeting will be held in Tampa Bay which a lot of you attend. This year for the first time, FSU is hosting its very own reception. It is a free dessert reception starting at 9pm, Nov 10 at the Tampa Marriott, 4 Water St.
* We will be hosting a dessert reception for GSA members, FSU alumni, and anyone who wants to stop by. Feel free to join us if you will be at the annual meeting. Room will be announced when we hear about which one is assigned.

**Upcoming Deadlines- FEAS for Annual Report**

* As Dr. Charness says, on the less appealing side of being a faculty affiliate, we are going to be asking you about your accomplishments over the past year very soon. Publications, research grants, student achievements etc. By updating your FEAS (University CV), we can pull what we need quickly and circulate it to the Provost Office on time.
* Exact format is not established yet but we recently sent around last year’s template for reference. As soon as we get an accurate template we will send it your way.

**Collaborative Collision**

* Now is a good time to start thinking about ideas for next year’s Planning Grants. FSU hosts these on a larger scale but we host this collaboration event as a good way to meet with other faculty affiliates, give brief discussion of your research and what you’re interested in. These Planning Grants are a huge part of what we do, fostering interdisciplinary collaborations that will come to fruition with external funding.
* The meeting is held virtually and after a short meet and greet we will head into smaller “break-out rooms” to allow you to discuss further ideas and possibilities with your collaborators. We will, if requested, host another one in the Spring prior to Planning Grant Applications closing.

**ISL Planning Grants- 2024-2025**

* The Dates for next year’s Planning Grants have been announced. The award opens **December 1st 2023** for application submissions and closes on **March 18th, 2024**.
* ISL can award a total of 3 interdisciplinary grants and provides $25,000 in funding per project. More updates will come as the open dates get closer in addition to sending around the application site so you can get a feel for the application process.
* Dr. Charness noted that this grant is a great mechanism to get pilot funding for a larger grant.

**Esther & Del Grosser Scholarship**

* Other goodies we have available for faculty affiliates, our **2024** **Esther & Del Grosser Scholarship** for student research, usually in March. We will have a website where you can apply; it’s a short application process you do on behalf of the student you want to nominate. The $1,000 award is open to your graduate students. The winner will be awarded at our Student Poster Research Day in March 2024.
* We will also be hosting our **Student Poster Day** where we showcase all the amazing work our students are doing in the aging research field. There will be cash prizes for first, second, and third best posters ($100, $50, and $25.) The poster award could involve graduate or undergraduate students working with you. Dates for both Student Poster Day and Grant Application start will be announced soon.
* Dr. Charness noted that we will probably send around a poll first before scheduling these dates in early Spring. We know you all won’t have your schedules yet so we will hold off on solidifying dates to be sure it interferes with classes as little as possible.

**ISL Participant Registry**

* We are still processing applications from people in our community (Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla) These are people who are interested and eager to join research projects. We started with 2500 and are now at over 3000 volunteers.
* Dr. Charness noted that it’s a wonderful resource for those who do aging research. It’s so difficult to get an adequate sample and we have provided this resource to help make that happen. While it isn’t currently highly representative of those three counties, too educated, too wealthy, and too white, there is a team including Julia Sheffler, Dawn Carr, himself, and others are working on a way to get NIA funding to build it out to be more representative across Florida.
* Please note that the response rate has dropped over the years. Attrition happens, so we refresh every 2 years or so. Contact info doesn’t work anymore, people pass away or move etc. We do our best to keep the list updated and accurate. We do these mailout campaigns to try to get new, eager volunteers. So, if you’re looking for 100 volunteers, ask for 1000 so you have 100 who agree to your study. Our volunteers have a choice to engage in the research you offer them and say yes or no and wait for something else.
* If you come across a disconnected phone number or an email address that gets returned by mailer-daemon, please let us know so we can follow up with the participant and remove them from the list or update their contact information.
* We are thrilled to know so many of you have been able to utilize the participant registry and would greatly appreciate you letting us know when a work has been published which has used the registry.
* Please send over the citations of your works as they are completed, and we will add it to our running list of publications which have used the ISL Participant Registry. We also want to take this time to be sure that anyone who uses the registry for their research knows how to properly cite the usage in the body of their work. This is an important factor to remember when using the ISL Participant Registry.
* Dr. Charness mentioned that we will be updating the ISL website to reflect published research using either the participant registry or planning grant funding. Keep an eye out for those changes coming soon!
* As usual, please be sure to only use the listservs for their intended purpose and directed at the correct audience.

**Replacing the Director and Associate Director**

* We are actively looking for potential candidates to replace both the Director and Associate Director. If you or a colleague are interested and you think you’d be a good fit for the position, please reach out to Victoria and she will pass along the information.
* Dr. Charness wanted to note that we can surely discuss what the title entails and what is involved. It is important that ISL carries on and we need volunteers to help do that. Please let either Victoria or Dr. Charness know if you are interested or want more information.

**Dr. Charness Travel/Talk Schedule**

* Oct. 24-26 Human Factors & Ergonomics Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
* Nov. 8-12 Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL
* Dr. Charness noted that both himself and the Associate Director, Dr. Wally Boot, will be at both of the above events. Victoria will be here should you need anything and Dr. Charness usually leaves his cell number for emergencies.

**Q&A / Comments**

Dr. Charness opened it up for questions or comments from the attendees. Mark Isaac came on and said he wanted to discuss the idea of the collaborative collision. He and his co-authors are working on improving decision making using Bayesian techniques. He thinks people in the Medical school would be great to collaborate with, possibly to train doctors to be better at decision making? If anyone is interested, you can contact him in the Economics department or email Victoria. Dr. Charness suggested that Mark send a short description to Victoria for a Facebook post which he did and she will.

Any other queries? Thoughts on volunteers for Director Position? Julia Sheffler has already volunteered for consideration for the Associate Director position but competition never hurts. Jasminka came on and asked if she could nominate Lynn Panton as Director? Ravinder also joined in and agreed he’d like to nominate Lynn. Dr. Charness noted the high confidence the group had for this nomination.

The meeting ended 30 minutes early, around 2:30pm.