

## **Committee on Committees Report – June 2024**

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I chaired the BSA COC to fill **31** slots (24 non-students and 7 students) vacant positions in **13** committees. The committee had a meeting in the fall to orient the group to their role. An open call for committee applicants was sent out from the BSA office and advertised on social media several times over a period of four months.

The COC members reviewed applications in the last week of February, ranked applicants for acceptable, unacceptable, or alternative committees. I assembled feedback from committee members and held a meeting on 03/04/2024 to discuss and determine acceptable applicants for committees they applied to and made suggestions of alternative committees for some applicants who are acceptable to serve but not qualified for the committee applied or the committees applied for are filled. At the COC meeting, a few committees that were not filled (mainly the Development, Financial Advisory, and Graduate Student Research Award committees) were identified and members made several nominations to fill in those vacancies.

I followed up, contacting applicants who were assigned to other committees (not applied) to confirm their willingness to serve and wrote emails to invite nominees to serve. Additional nominations and contacts were also made during the following weeks due to no responses or declines from some nominees. With two volunteers of the COC to serve on the Development and Financial Advisory committees, Madhav Nepal and Steven Handel, respectively, all positions were filled (as shown in the spreadsheet shared with the board in a March meeting), but an extra member was recruited for the Development committee, Dr. Aaron Liston, who responded a yes in a week, after Jenny had reached out for another nominee who quickly responded a yes. The committee thought an extra member for the Development Committee was good for BSA. The board approved the committee's assignments in the March Board meeting. Heather and BSA staff provided great assistance in this process and the COC members were collegial. Attached excel sheet shows the names of new committee members.