1. Executive Summary
The Academic Council promotes medical education, research and patient care. Through educational programs and mentoring, the Council helps program directors and other educators develop better methods of instruction, so as to be better teachers and also satisfy the requirements of accrediting and credentialing bodies for themselves and those they instruct. The Council also serves as a forum for an exchange of ideas and educational techniques.

2. Mission
The Academic Council is dedicated to the scientific interchange of ideas among SNMMI members who have an interest in training and education of undergraduates and graduates in Nuclear Medicine (which includes general Nuclear Medicine, Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine, PET/CT imaging and Molecular Imaging). The overall mission of the Academic Council is to:
(a) promote medical education, research and patient care related to Nuclear Medicine,
(b) provide to membership expertise in the training and education of undergraduates and graduates in Nuclear Medicine, including in mentoring and leadership,
(c) provide a forum for members for discussion of issues and problems of mutual interest and concern within the Nuclear Medicine community, as well as an informal exchange of ideas and programs,
(d) provide outreach to other professionals and organizations,
(e) nurture new membership into the society,
(f) serve as a resource to Young Professionals in career development, and
(g) serve as a resource to SNMMI leadership.

Within the Council there is a subgroup of Program Directors/Associate Program Directors of Nuclear Medicine residency programs (the Nuclear Medicine Program Directors Association, NMPDA). The Academic Council is an advocate for Nuclear Medicine education and training to organized Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, as well as providing an avenue of communication for Program Directors and Coordinators to the ACGME, ABNM, other societies, and government agencies.

3. Leadership        Term
President: David Brandon, MD     June 2016 – June 2018
Vice President: Jay Hiller, MD     June 2016 – June 2018
Secretary: Erica J. Cohen, DO, MPH, CCD   June 2016 – June 2018
Treasurer: Marques Bradshaw, MD    June 2015 – June 2017
Immediate Past President: Jon Baldwin, DO, MBS  June 2016 – June 2018
Chair of NMPD (appointed by president): Patrick Colletti, MD June 2016 – June 2018
Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM      June 2016 – June 2019
Mickaila Johnston, MD            June 2016 – June 2017
Daniel Lee, MD                   June 2016 – June 2018
Helena R. Balon, MD              June 2015 – June 2017
Lance T. Hall, MD                June 2015 – June 2017
Darko Pucar, MD, PhD             June 2016 – June 2018
Shawn Carter, MD (Intern, Non-voting) June 2015 – June 2017
4. Current Status
   A. Financial
      As of May 31, 2016, The AC has a total revenue of $12,981. This includes $3,450 in member dues and a carryover of $9,531 from 2015. The total expenses are $2,100. Revenue is generated through annual membership dues, which are $15.00 per member. The Council is funding an intern for the 2015-2017 term.

   B. Membership
      Membership: As of July 1, 2016, the AC has 2,456 members which includes 797 residents-in-training, 217 associate scientists-in-training, and 1,207 technologists-in-training. The AC offers free memberships to all In-Training members. The AC membership history for the past few years is listed below:
      - 2015: 2,590 total members (including 966 residents-in-training, 155 associate scientists-in-training, and 1,292 technologists-in-training).
      - 2014: 146 total members (including 117 physician/scientist members and 29 technologist members).
      - 2013: 163 total members (including 124 physician/scientist members and 39 technologist members).
      - 2012: 183 total members (including 138 physician/scientist members and 45 technologist members).

   C. Member Benefits
      Newsletter, evaluation forms, support for nuclear medicine education, patient care, and research, helping develop and promote improvements in teaching methods, support in awareness and providing support in understanding and complying with ACGME and RRC regulations and requirements, provide a forum for discussion of ideas, issues and concerns, mentoring committee for resident support, member-only section on the website, which contains talks and presentations, and also a document library.

5. Accomplishments for 2015-2016
   The Academic Council continues to demonstrate its resilience, vitality and activity in the tradition of service, innovation and support to education in Nuclear Medicine and to the Nuclear Medicine Program Directors.

   (1) SNMMI 2016 Midwinter meeting Education Sessions
      The Academic Council and the Young Professional Committee (YPC) co-sponsored an education session at the 2016 SNMMI Mid-Winter meeting in Orlando, FL. entitled, "Part IV MOC in Clinical Practice." Also during the 2016 Mid-Winter Meeting, the Nuclear Medicine Program Directors (NMPDs) met and discussed program requirement updates for nuclear medicine as well as pilot combined program updates, promotion of nuclear medicine to medical students, updates from the ABR/ABNM task force, a review of the outcome-based milestones/CCC within the six ACGME core competencies and the nuclear medicine 10-year program statistics.

   (2) SNMMI 2016 Annual Meeting Education Sessions
      The Academic Council presented sponsored the following CE session during the 2016 SNMMI Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA: "Teamwork approach in molecular imaging: a new paradigm to increased productivity, quality, revenue, and safety."

   (3) AC-Sponsored Meetings
      The AC Board of Directors (BOD) has periodic conference calls throughout the year. The AC BOD participated in a meeting during the 2016 SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting in Orlando, FL., and an AC Business meeting during the 2016 SNMMI Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. The AC also sponsored the YPC First Timer's/New Member Orientation and the ACNM NMRO Business Meeting and Networking Luncheon.
The Nuclear Medicine Program Directors (NMPD)
Daniel Lee, MD, was the chair of the NMPDs from June 2014 – June 2016. The NMPDs held
meetings at the SNMMI Mid-Winter and Annual Meetings and emailed information to its members
via an email distribution list and the AC website.

2016 Academic Council Awards
During the 2016 SNMMI Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, the AC presented the 2016 Lifetime
Achievement Award to Nikki Wenzel-Lamb, MBA, CAE, Director of Leadership and SNMMI-TS
Administrator, and two Distinguished Service Awards to Daniel Lee, MD, Chair of the NMPD, and
Helen Leonard, BS, Associate Director of Leadership.

AC Intern
The Academic Council intern for 2015- 2017, Shawn Carter, MD, is working on gathering data on
resident case numbers for commonly performed imaging studies and therapies, including
common diagnostic CT studies and distribution. Dr. Carter, along Dr. David Brandon, AC mentor,
generated a case log and instructions to capture the desired data in a clear and comprehensive
way. Information on this project was sent to all AC members and Nuclear Program Directors in
order to obtain this data. Dr. Carter also reported on his project at the AC and NMPD meetings at
the 2016 Mid-winter and Annual meetings.

Outreach
The AC provided information on the science and teaching of nuclear medicine, and provided
training in leadership development and in various aspects of research, including ethics, obtaining
and writing grants, and getting published, etc.

Provide One session for the AUR annual Meeting
The AC supported Dr. Andrei Iagaru to present at the 2015 AUR annual meeting on combined
residency training.

Goals and Programs for 2016-2017
The Academic Council continues to work on programs that contribute to Goal E of the SNMMI Strategic
Plan. The Academic Council is planning to:

1. Increase membership. The AC plans to discuss ways to reach out to the NMAA and technologists
to recruit new members and enhance NMAA programs.
2. Outreach efforts to international residencies (IAEA) to exchange ideas.
3. Support efforts to get nuclear medicine cases on Instagram and post to the AC website.
4. Assist the Committee on Education with virtual meeting needs, specifically item writing.
5. Sponsor an Education session at the SNMMI 2017 Mid-Winter Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
6. Work with the Young Professionals Committee (YPC) to offer an educational session at the
SNMMI 2017 Annual Meeting.
7. Present the Lifetime Achievement Award and possibly another award at the 2017 SNMMI Annual
Meeting in Denver, CO.
8. Sponsor educational sessions at the SNMMI 2017 Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.
9. Continue to have AC Board of Director (BOD) conference calls throughout the year as well as in-
person BOD and Business meetings during the SNMMI Mid-Winter and Annual Meetings
10. Continue to promote the Nuclear Medicine Program Director’s (NMPD) activities through email
correspondence and in-person meetings during the SNMMI Mid-Winter and Annual Meetings.
   Patrick Colletti, MD, is Chair of the NMPDs from June 2016 – June 2018.
11. Continue to support the AC intern project to gather data on resident case numbers and
distribution.
12. Promote alliances with ACNM, AUR, APDR, SCARD and provide mentors to the YPC to assist in
programming.
7. Budget and Resource Requirements
   a. *Summary of financial needs*
      The attached FY2017 budget summarizes the total resources needed to support the goals set forth in the business plan
   
   b. *Resource requirements*
      Staff, money, marketing support for sessions at AUR and SNMMI