

UPDA Meeting Minutes  
9-29-11

Attendance: Ashley Fricks-Gleason, Catherine Loc-Carrillo, Laura Demarse, Ami Rothberg, Vanessa Ahmed, Nelly Volland

- National Post-doc Week Event
  - o Well attended (maybe 30-35 people)
  - o The room wasn't ideal, but overall it went well
  - o Vivian Lee was great... very approachable
  - o Getting it onto the main U of U calendar was a major pain in the butt for Catherine
    - We never ended up as a "featured" event
  - o Laura also had difficulties with getting it on FYI
- Survey Results
  - o Tim is the only person with access to the data
  - o Has he compiled the data? Does he need help?
  - o We'd like to use what we've learned, so we really need to get that data analyzed
  - o Laura will contact Tim to get more info
- UPDA Leadership
  - o Catherine is officially our new Chair
  - o Vanessa has stepped into the Junior Chair b/c Yuri is unable to make a firm commitment at this time (although she'd like to remain involved)
- Workshops
  - o Adam Wenté's workshop
    - Well attended
    - Very helpful
    - We should plan as many of these as possible as people are hitting the job market
  - o New Faculty Workshop – Negotiating the Offer
    - October 21<sup>st</sup> w/ Nels Elde
    - Ami organized this... it's totally full!
  - o Are there other folks we could use for similar workshops?
    - Megan Williams and Adam Frost are new Neuroscience faculty Ashley knows of
    - There's a new hire in Vanessa's department
    - Others?
  - o Having a baby in academia
    - Is there a panel we can put together of women who had their kids at different stages of their careers?
    - Include men on the panel for perspective
  - o Non-faculty careers in academia
    - Administration, core facilities, lab manager

- Let's each search names of people and make a firm plan at the next meeting
- Next Social – Fall/Halloween Social
  - Gracie's again
    - 10-27-11 or 11-3-11
    - Ashley will call to get reservations
    - \$500 for food
- Handbook
  - Laura can work on it from home during her “maternity leave”
  - Perhaps we can slice it up and each tackle a piece
  - Aim for at least a prelim version that we can run through the general counsel office and get out there
  - Include quality of life stuff (grocery /drug stores, visa issues, where to live... the “basics”)
- Next meeting
  - November 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am, HSEB 5100D
  - Laura might be out having a baby : )