

## UPDA Meeting Minutes 1-12-12

Attendance: Catherine Loc-Carrillo, Vanessa Ahmed, Nelly Volland, Ami Stuart, Timothy Dahlem, Lisa McFadden, Ashley Fricks-Gleason, John O'Shea, Hadi Javan, Laura Demarse (via Skype)

### 1. Social Events

- a. Can we try for one small event per month, rotating which UPDA members host, alternating between mid-day/coffee and evening events?
  - i. 4 month trial run
    1. February – coffee, Ashley & Nelly will host
    2. March – evening, Tim & John will host
    3. April – coffee, Ami & Nelly will host
    4. May – night, Vanessa (and Catherine?) will host
  - ii. The organizers will be responsible for sending out timely announcements, etc.
- b. Ski event
  - i. We should have people register to gauge interest, then look into group pricing for lift tickets and rentals
  - ii. Aim for Brighton
    1. Good range of terrain
    2. Good brown bag area
      - a. UPDA can provide sandwiches, etc.
    3. Night ski??
  - iii. Vanessa is going to look into options and report back

### 2. Survey

- a. Tim has worked on summarizing the quantitative results
- b. Ami is going to work on summarizing the more qualitative comments
- c. Once the report is polished and ready to go, we will send it to Tom Parks (VP of research) and invite him to a meeting to discuss
- d. Mary Anne Berzins has already seen the draft and is on board
- e. Once the content is done, Ashley will ask her husband Jeremy to polish it
- f. Aim to have a final-ish version done by the March meeting
- g. What can we work on from the survey?
  - i. UPDA visibility
    1. Laura is going to look into getting the UPDA greater visibility on the U website
    2. We should broadly advertise our “annual open meeting”
      - a. Let's keep having them in late Sept./early Oct.
    3. Hadi had some great suggestions about advertising the UPDA
      - a. Pamphlets in the International Office and UCard Offices with our mission statement and basic information
        - i. Nelly will work on putting a pamphlet together and Ashley will ask Jeremy to polish it
  - ii. Can we get a sense on the post-doc grant contribution on campus

1. OSP should have this information, right?
      - a. Laura says Brent Brown claims they don't have that data, but surely they must
        - i. Ashley & Laura will look into uncovering that information in some way
    - iii. Mentor/Mentee Relationships
      1. Can we do a better job of promoting the workshops already hosted through HR?
        - a. Look at past mentor award recipients and see if we can put a panel together
3. Panels
  - a. Baby Panel wrap-up (Ami)
    - i. She left some specific questions out of the panel (i.e. childcare options on campus, how did you lose your baby weight, etc.) since they weren't broadly applicable
      1. Laura suggested Ami direct those people to Chris Hale (childcare coordinator at the U office for parents)
  - b. Non-academic careers (Ashley)
    - i. Many of the members of the professional skills course panel would be good options.
    - ii. Included members from the HSC core
      1. Mike Hanson – sequencing core
      2. Flow cytometry
      3. Chris Rodesch – microscopy core
    - iii. Ashley will start poling these people to gauge interest and will try to pull panel together for the spring
  - c. VP of the Gladstone Institute
    - i. Laura has arranged for her to come and speak this spring (date TBD)
    - ii. She will cover connecting and finding passion in your work
  - d. We need to get better about updating the events tab on the UPDA website
    - i. It's simple, just send items to Lisa and she'll put them on there
4. Speaking of the Website...
  - a. Lisa is getting swamped with work and needs to relinquish her website duties
    - i. For now, Catherine will take over, but perhaps we can recruit a new member who would be interested in that position.
5. NEXT MEETING – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am, HSEB 5100D