

UPDA Meeting Minutes 4-26-12

Attendance: Catherine Loc-Carillo , Vanessa Ahmed, Nelly Volland, Ashley Fricks-Gleason, Timothy Dahlem

Guest: Mary Anne Berzins (Assistant VP of HR)

- 1) NPA Meeting Recap
 - a. Check with Laura regarding when our NPA membership expires
 - b. Ashley talked a lot and Catherine took notes ☺
 - c. Mary Anne had some great suggestions
- 2) Plan for next year
 - a. We need to compile a list of all of the events we've done in the past and the planned events for the coming year so we're organized when we go forward with contacting the administration
- 3) Non-traditional Careers Panel
 - a. Ashley is setting it up for late summer / early fall
 - b. She'll get a date ASAP
- 4) Catherine
 - a. Workshop: "Social Savvy for Scientists"
 - i. Let's plan this for fall
 - b. May Social
 - i. Lunch at The Point (May 11th)
 - ii. Drinks at the Marriott in Research Park (May 11th)
 - c. Needs bios for the website
- 5) Tim
 - a. Survey final draft is done, Tim is working on the final nuances
 - i. Jeremy will make it presentable
 - ii. Who are we going to send this to?
 - iii. Mary Anne has offered to read it over for us and give us suggestions about who our most receptive audience will be
- 6) April drinks social
 - a. 10-12 postdocs
 - b. Mostly new, mostly international, some of Tim's friends
 - c. Amy Hawkins – new postdoc, was involved with the PDA at VCU and would like to be more involved with our group
- 7) Summer Picnic
 - a. Nelly is planning, June 23rd at Sunnyside Park
 - b. Ashley will hand off all of the materials from last year to Nelly
- 8) Pamphlet
 - a. We need to make sure it's super generic (no Laura)
 - b. Have Jeremy check the design so it's PDF friendly
- 9) Vanessa
 - a. Hiking social needs to be rescheduled for early June
- 10) Ashley will look into setting up a LinkedIn group

