

## U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 PM on April 12, 2016

HSEB 4100A

**Attendance:** Jen Nichols (Orthopaedics), Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Lars Laurentius (Nano Institute), Chris Tracy (CVRTI), Daniel Mendoza (Atmospheric Sciences/GCSC), Helin Räägel (Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics).

**Known Absence:** Yen Wang (Oncological Sciences).

### Agenda

- 12:00 pm Approve minutes from last meeting [5 min]  
- *Minutes approved.*
- 12:05 pm Lunch & Learn [25 min]
- April Lunch & Learn
    - Tues. April 19 – Academic Careers & Academic Job Market
      - *Confirmed Panelists:*
        - Srividya Bhaskara, Research Faculty in HCI
        - Dipayan Chaudhuri, Clinical Research Faculty in CVRTI
        - Doug Christensen, Tenured in the Dept. of Bioengineering
        - Caroline Saouma, Tenure-Track in the Dept. of Chemistry
        - Holly Sebahar, Teaching Faculty in the Dept. of Chemistry
  - Discussion of Upcoming Lunch & Learns
    - Tues. May 17– Outreach?
    - Tues. June 14 -- Interview/negotiation?
    - *Potential Future Topics:* interview skills, negotiation, visas, entrepreneurship, outreach as part of a career
- *The April lunch & learn will focus on principal investigator jobs, but we should also host a panel that focuses on other academic job options such as laboratory managers, research scientists, director of centers, community outreach coordinators, etc.*
- *So far, Jen has been moderating the seminars, but considering Jen is stepping down as senior chair in June, somebody else from the UPDA board needs to step up and take over those responsibilities.*
- *The April seminar is ready to go for next week and the panel has a broad experience background.*
- *May 17<sup>th</sup> lunch & learn will be hosted by the general counsel on visa and immigration information for foreign postdocs.*
- *Jennifer needs to send out two national postdoc association surveys at the same time and still reach as many postdocs as possible, any suggestions?*
- *Jennifer could send out the two surveys at the same time to avoid having multiple emails that can potentially cause confusion or result in being disregarded.*
- *Starting June, we are changing the meeting scheduling for the UPDA board to every first Tuesday of the month as Jennifer has a scheduling conflict.*
- *For June's lunch & learn we will plan to hold an outreach seminar.*
- *Natalia will take the lead on organizing the outreach seminar and start emailing potential panelists.*
- 12:35 pm 2016 Inclusive Excellence Award Nomination [5 min]
- The UPDA was nominated as an organization and Jennifer Mabey was nominated as an individual.
  - Jen and Natalia will be attending the awards dinner on Tues. April 12. Award recipients will be announced at that time.

- *We did nominate the UPDA and Jennifer Maybe for the award and the award dinner will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> with Jen and Natalia attending.*

12:40 pm

#### Leadership Transition and Planning Discussion on Summer BBQ & Postdoc Appreciation Day [20 min]

- Jen plans to step down as Senior Chair in June, so that Natalia can be promoted.
- Summer BBQ scheduled for Friday, June 10
- Postdoc Appreciation Day scheduled for Thursday, June 15
- *We are starting to advertise the BBQ with our emails going out asap. Natalia will be going to Costco to buy supplies and we need volunteers to start the BBQ and grill early.*
- *In May we will put together and RSVP link for the BBQ.*
- *We also need to start planning for the Postdoc Appreciation Day starting in May.*
- *One of the suggestions for a panel for that day would be themed around "What to do with your PhD".*
- *We could also try to advertise the postdoc event as a means of trying to get departments involved to sponsor or help organize these events.*
- *The leadership transition will be further discussed and May with the potential of opening up other positions on the UPDA board for new members to fill.*

1:00 pm

#### Summary of Assigned Tasks & End of Meeting

**Next Meeting:** 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Tues. May 10 in HSEB 4100A  
**Documents Sent:** Agenda, Minutes from March Meeting