

U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 PM on June 7, 2016

HSEB 2971

Attendance: Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Chris Tracy (CVRTI), Daniel Mendoza (Atmospheric Sciences/GCSC), Helin Räägel (Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics), Marta Szulik (CVRTI).

Known Absences: Jennifer Nichols (Orthopedics), Yen Wang (Oncological Sciences), Lars Laurentius (Nano Institute).

Agenda

- 12:00 pm Approve minutes from last meeting [5 min]
 - *Minutes approved*
- 12:05 pm Lunch & Learn [10 min]
- June 14 Lunch & Learn – Outreach as a Postdoc – HSEB 2110
 - *Confirmed Speakers:*
 - Judith Neugebauer**, PhD, BioEYES Utah Program Manager, Department of Pediatrics Research Enterprise, University of Utah
 - Hailey Leek**, Office of Engagement, Youth Education, University of Utah
 - Nate Friedman**, MPA, Director, Youth Protection and Program Support, University of Utah
 - Kellie Yates**, Outreach and Project Specialist, Utah STEM Action Center Program Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development
 - Dean McGovern**, Executive Director, Bennion Community Service Center, University of Utah
 - *Currently confirmed attendees:* 7 (6/3/16).
 - Discussion of Upcoming Lunch & Learns
 - Tues. July 12 (in HSEB 1750) – TBD
 - Tues. Aug. 9 (in HSEB 3515B) – Negotiation Skills – Mary Anne is confirmed.
 - *Potential Future Topics:* entrepreneurship, unconscious bias, writing skills workshop, “younger” postdoc topics, public speaking (see list on third page)
- *For now we have 8 attendees confirmed for our June L&L. We will send email this week and Monday next week to try to increase attendance. We will stress the importance of outreach work in relation to grants and job opportunities.*
 - *Daniel will moderate the session, and share his experience with outreach programs.*
 - *We will add a section on our website for postdocs with information about different outreach programs.*
 - *Jennifer will bring tape to arrange seating.*
 - *Our next L&L (July) will be “review process”. The ideal panel would consist of: a postdoc to talk about their experience starting to do reviews, an editor (scientific) and someone from a Journal (Marta proposed to contact the Journal of the American Chemical Society that is located on campus)*
- 12:15 pm Summer BBQ [15 min]
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday, June 10

- *Currently confirmed attendees: 17 families (43 individuals) (6/3/16)*
- *Shopping list - see reported preferences in second page*
- *Utensils, coolers, thermal bags, name tags*
 - *We have 18 RSVP (44 attendees) up to now.*
 - *The weather forecast is hot (95 F), partly cloudy, no chance of rain*
 - *We will adjust quantities depending on Friday's RSVP, but the shopping list is: sodas/water, dips, chips, humus, salad (pasta, etc), fruit platter if available, precut/prewashed lettuce and tomato, cheese, cookies, ice cream, beef hamburgers, salmon hamburgers, veggie hamburgers, hotdogs.*
 - *Natalia will contact Costco and Smith to find out where to buy dry ice.*
 - *Natalia and Chris will go shopping at 2:30 and from there directly to the park, so Chris can start the fire.*
 - *People will bring coolers to the CVRTI before Friday so Natalia and Chris can use them to go shopping.*
 - *The rest of the board will arrive at 4:45 to help with the preparations.*
 - *Bring BBQ utensils and oven mitts.*
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12:30 pm

Postdoc Appreciation Day [20 min]

- Thursday, September 15 in SMBB
 - Determine workshop topics / schedule of events (see report from last year on second page)
 - Advertisement form
- Organization Planning Schedule:
 - July/August – confirm workshop leaders
 - August – solicit poster judges (through faculty e-mail list) and advertise

12:50 pm

Additional Points of Discussion [10 min]

- email to Research Associate list
 - *Natalia will work on a draft to send to the new Research Associates yearly.*
- call for nominations responses
 - *We had two responses. Marta (who is attending today) and one other person. Natalia answered her questions but she did not reply.*
- FAQ list
 - It was not discussed due to lack of time.
- last minute items
 - Fair Pay for postdocs. Jennifer Maybe will prepare an official communication about it and send it to the list.
 - We will add a past-members list on our website.
 - This is Helin's last meeting.

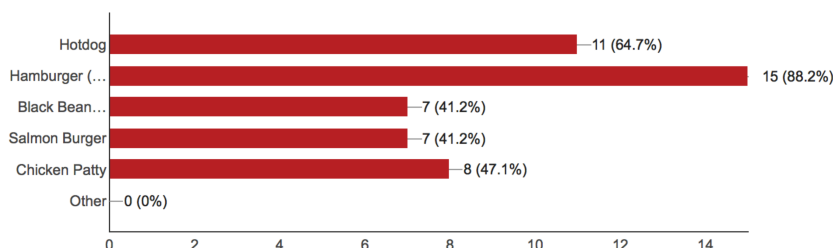
1:00 pm Summary of Assigned Tasks & End of Meeting

Next Meeting: 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Tues. July 5, in **HSEB 4100A**
Documents Sent: Agenda, Minutes from April Meeting

Food Preferences

Which of the following picnic foods are you most likely to enjoy? (please check all that apply)

(17 responses)



Schedule

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Keynote Faculty Panel

Auditorium (1230)

Panelists: • Richard Dorsky, Neurobiology & Anatomy • Matthew Kieber-Emmons, Chemistry • Carol Lim, Pharmaceutical Chemistry • JoAnn Slama Lighty, Chemical Engineering

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Poster Competition - Refreshments

Atrium (lower floor)

Judges: • Christopher Butson, Biomedical Engineering • Sarah Franklin, Internal Medicine/Cardiology • Daniel Mendoza, Atmospheric Sciences • Joel Harley, Electrical Engineering • Lars Lauren8us, Nano Institute • Diana Stafforini, Internal Medicine • Yanliang Wang, Hunstman Cancer Institute

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Award Presentation & UPDA Annual General Meeting

Auditorium (1230)

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Professional Development Workshops

Using Your Postdoctoral Experience to Prepare for Your Future Jennifer Mabey, Postdoctoral Affairs

Turn Your C.V. into a Powerful Resume

Julie Swaner, Alumni Services

Communicating Your Research to Non-Specialists: How to be Understood and Appreciated Tracy Marie Reese, RMCOEH

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Do you have suggestions regarding what topics you would like discussed at FUTURE Lunch & Learn events?

Careers

- Career opportunities in biomedical research.
- Career choices for post docs.
- Are there job fairs from companies requiring postdocs or research scientists as well? or is it just for undergrad/MS students?
- job search?
- How to make the transition from Academia to industry
- Careers outside of academia and how/where to find them (Networking is not a sufficient answer :)).
- I am glad to see we have some focused on getting jobs. I would like to see others on making the transition from academia to industry (maybe that is part of the ones planned)
- Careers outside of academia.
- transitioning to a faculty position at a primarily undergraduate institution
- Job hunting
- A lunch about non-academic career paths might be good.
- Non-academia careers
- tenure vs. career line - benefits/cons of each
- Industry job opportunities and how to overcome being discarded by 'Applied tracking System'
- alternative career choices after postdoc, medical science liason jobs, etc.
- working at the industry
- experience for finding a faculty position
- how to find a job
- applying for/attaining faculty positions;
- How to seek establish contacts with pharmaceutical industries? Tips on gaining industrial jobs?
- applying for faculty position
- negotiating a job position
- How to prepare for non-academic job by being a post-doc in an academic institute?
- Academia to industry

Grants, Fellowships, & Funding

- Successful searching/finding grant funding sources for postdocs.
- things focused on grant writing, applying for faculty position, negotiating a job position, etc. would be helpful.
- grant applications
- how to acquire clinical fellowships at the U
- what required in grant applications
- How to seek Clinical fellowship at University of Utah as an International applicant?
- grant writing

Other

- Project management
- Part time teaching opportunities around the campus and SLC
- Human relationship; leadership
- negotiating contracts
- How can working moms (or other primary caregivers) remain competitive when they can't put in 80 hours a week?
- though research field seems to be overpowered by males, what are the prospects of women in science? Are there any schemes to promote females in academia or industry?