

U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 PM on September 6, 2016

HSEB 5100A

Attendance: Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Jen Nichols (Orthopedics), and Lars Laurentius (Nano Institute).

Absences: Yen Wang (Oncological Sciences), Chris Tracy (CVRTI), Steve Ratchford (VA), Heather Clifton (VA), and Judy Ou (CCPS at Huntsman Cancer Institute), and Daniel Mendoza (Atmospheric Sciences/GCSC).

Agenda

12:00 pm Approve minutes from last meeting [5 min]

- Minutes approved

12:05 pm Postdoc Appreciation Day [40 min]

- Date: Thursday, September 15
- Where: SMBB building
- Schedule:
 - 1:00 pm – 2:00pm Keynote presentation - Nitin Phadnis, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor - Department of Biology
 - 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Poster Competition - Refreshments
We have 4 RSVPs
We have 7 confirmed judges
 - 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Award Presentation & UPDA Annual GM
 - 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Panel “What can you be with a PhD”

- Jennifer has confirmed the keynote speaker: Nitin Phadnis, who will discuss the importance/impact his postdoc had on his career.
- We have enough confirmed poster judges, but so far our poster presentation number is low, we will keep advertising this event and are extending the registration deadline.
- **Jennifer will send out an email to all faculty encouraging their postdocs to attend and possible present a poster.**
- **Natalia will attempt to advertise event in CVRTI.**
- The event should be announced in the Grad newsletter this week and hopefully “At The U” newsletter on Monday.
- **Daniel will post the event on Facebook.**
- We have to verify access to the 4th floor SMBB is generic.
- What workshops can we offer after the poster session? We have had several potential speakers fall through.
- **We will try to find somebody to do a LinkedIn presentation.**
- Mary Anne might be able to do a CV/resume workshop.
- **We will send a final reminder to the poster judges with a thank you note and include the judging rubric.**
- Natalia is still working on locating poster boards for the event.
- We will prepare a few signs to post on the day of the event providing directions to the various location.
- Jennifer is still finalizing the catering.
- **Let’s send out emails today extending the poster registration until Friday. We will send the updated flyer and reminders on**

Friday, Monday, and Thursday with information to register for the event.

- **Natalia will contact the radio station about the press release.**
- We need name tags, sharpies, poster notes, pushpins, brochures, dot stickers.

12:45

Lunch & Learn [10 min]

- Lunch & Learn updates
 - No Sept L&L due to AGM event
 - Tues. Oct. 11 (in HSEB 2600) – Personal Money Center contacted
 - Tues. Nov 8 (in HSEB 1730) – “Writing Faster & Better”
 - No Dec. L&L due to Holiday season
 - Jan 10/Feb 14 2017 – review? public speaking?
 - March – repeat non-academic panel
- The October L&L was supposed to deal with the peer review process, but the potential panelists are busy and we are trying to hold this event at a later time.
- Instead, we will host a general finances workshop in October and then a “writing faster & better” workshop in November.

12:55 pm

Additional Points of Discussion [5 min]

- Marta will look into contacting ski resorts to see whether they would offer discounts to postdocs.
- Can we approach the Alumni Association to potentially provide discounts on memberships for postdocs?

1:00 pm

Summary of Assigned Tasks & End of Meeting

Next Meeting:

12:00 - 1:00 PM on Tues. October 4, in HSEB 5100A

Documents Sent:

Agenda, Minutes from July Meeting