

U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 PM on January 20, 2017

HSEB 5100A

Attendance: Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Suvendu Biswas (College of Pharmacy), Chris Tracy (CVRTI), Heather Clifton (VA), Lars Laurentius (Nano Institute), Indranil Basak (Molecular Medicine), Seema Bhatlekar (Molecular Medicine), Emilio Cortes Sanchez (Medicinal Chemistry, Skaggs), Malini Rajan (Molecular Medicine)

Absences: Daniel Mendoza (Atmospheric Sciences/GCSC), Jennifer Nichols (Orthopedics).

Agenda

- 12:00 pm Meet and greet
- 12:10 pm Approve minutes from last meeting [5 min]
- *Minutes approved with a couple of minor corrections.*
- 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn [10 min]
- This week's L&L is ready to go with three confirmed panelists. Thus far we have a large number of postdocs that have RSVP'd.
 - 27 RSVP's so far
 - Confirmed Panelist:
 - Dr. Way, Research Professor, Utah Vascular Research Laboratory, Internal Medicine/VAMC*
 - Dr. Minter, Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science and Engineering University of Utah and Technical Editor from the Journal of the American Chemical Society (JACS)*
 - Dr. Sanguinetti - Associate Director, CVRTI and Professor of Internal Medicine (Division of Cardiovascular Medicine), University of Utah*
 - L&L for February is still being organized as we have to change the room and we are trying to finalize the date. We are in the process of contacting Francine Mahak to give a presentation on Career Services and their website to provide insight into invaluable job searching tools. An alternative for February would be a presentation on "presentation skills" presented by Mary Anne Berzins.
 - Continuing on with March or a later month, there is significant interest to repeat a L&L on green card applications/Visas.
 - Other topics include: grant applications, biosketch, and CV's/resumes for industry.
- 12:25 pm Winter Social [10 min]
- Saturday January 21, 2017, from 4 to 6 pm
 - 7 RSVP (17 people)
 - Venue: Gallivan Center Ice Rink
 - Assigned tasks
 - We will supply cookies at the Gallivan Center (Lars will pick them up).
 - We will set up a table for the cookies and bring name tags.
- 12:30 pm Ski discount - Update [10 min]

- *So far we had about 5 vouchers being picked up and we expect more interest as the word spreads. The discount is about %20 off the ticket price at the resort.*

12:35 pm Website update [5 min]

- Suvendu contacted the IT support from the Graduate School and it turns out we need to use the latest website platform for our website. We will need to put all the material together and start the process. They also have several UofU pictures we can show on our new website.
- We will also have to inquire about the rules in regards to posting pictures on our website. Can we have a photo contest for our new website? What content does the postdoc community like to see on our new website?

12:55 pm Additional Points of Discussion [10 min]

- Moving forward we should brainstorm new ideas for activities to increase networking in the postdoc community.

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

Next Meeting: 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Tues. February 3, in HSEB 5100A
Documents Sent: Agenda, Minutes from December Meeting