

U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting Minute

12:00 - 1:00 PM on June 2nd, 2017

HSEB 5100A

Attendance: Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Jennifer Nichols (Orthopedics), Chris Tracy (CVRTI), Gaelle Batot (Biochemistry), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Erin Young (Huntsman Cancer Institute) and Heather Clifton (VA).

Known absence: Lars Laurentius (Nano Institute)

Absences: Seema Bhatlekar (Molecular Medicine), Indranil Basak (Molecular Medicine), Emilio Cortes Sanchez (Medicinal Chemistry, Skaggs), Malini Rajan (Molecular Medicine), Daniel Mendoza and Suvendu Biswas (College of Pharmacy).

Agenda

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

12:05 pm Lunch & Learn [10 min]

From now on, we will rotate to write the L&L summary. During the board meeting, a board member will be assigned to write the following L&L summary, based on personal interest. One board member should not write the summary two months in a row (unless someone really wants to).

- Recap on “Work Authorization for Foreign National Employees”

Good Feedback

Action: Seema, do you have the list of attendance? Can you give it to Marta?

- July 26th – Academic Career & Academic Job Market

Confirmed panelists:

Jennifer Nichols, PhD, Postdoc Research Associate in Orthopedic Surgery Operations, University of Utah

Anna Eiring, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow in HCI, Deiningner Lab, University of Utah

Timothy Dahlem, PhD, Research Associate, Mutation Generation & Detection, HSC Cores, University of Utah

Erhu Cao, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, University of Utah

Douglas Christensen, PhD, Professor, Bioengineering, University of Utah

Action: Erin will write the summary of the Lunch and Learn

We don't have a teaching panelist for this time.

Action: Marta might contact department chairs to ask advice for a potential teaching panelist?

- August 16th – Teaching opportunities for Postdocs

Action: Marta will contact Patrick Tripeny, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning

- Sept 18th – no L&L due to PDA celebration
- *Potential Future Topics:*
 - *Developing a Professional Network; Understanding your strengths; Managing Professional Relationships by Tony Tsai*
 - *Proposed by Mary Ann Berzins: Tips about financial management; How to stay motivated at work (specifically for postdocs)*
 - *LinkedIn profile by Amy Gleeson*
 - *Consulting for Postdocs*

12:15 pm Summer BBQ [20min]

- Friday, July 14th, 5-7pm

- Confirmed attendees (as of 7/6/17): 22 families (45 individuals)
- Shopping list – see reported preferences in second page

Menu: Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Salmon, and Veggie burgers

Action: go to Smiths first to buy dry ice for ice cream

Action: Call Costco to ask if it is possible to have a platter of veggies already cut for burgers (Jennifer Mabey?)

Shopping list:

- Pre-cut veggies if possible
- Condiments (Mustard/ketchup/relish)
- Chips
- Veggie trays
- Meat (beef patties, salmon, black beans patties and hot dogs)
- Buns (less buns than meat)
- Sodas/water (one bottle per person)
- Ice
- Oven mitts
- Plates, forks, knives, napkins...
- Tinfoil
- Salt and pepper
- Charcoal

Action: Jennifer check what are the leftovers from last year for the last 4 items

- Utensils, coolers, thermal bags, name tags.

Action: bring personal coolers to Marta the previous day (Daniel, could we use yours?)

Action: everybody brings personal utensils (spatula/tongs)

Action: Chris will bring a scraper

Action: Heather will check if she has spare oven mitts that she could bring

Action: Natalia, Erin, Jen and Chris will be at the park by 4 pm to start the fires and the cooking so diner can start at 5 pm.

- Logistics to be decided: food to be purchased, advertising, grilling and other assignments

Action: During the BBQ, take turns at the grill (don't wear your nicest white close!)

There was a change in the policy so taxes are no longer reimbursed. Two solutions are possible:

- Get an exception from the Dean to get reimbursed
- Get a tax exemption document to give to the vendor

Action: call Costco to ask if they will accept the tax exemption document (Jennifer Mabey?)

Last year we spent about \$200.

Jennifer Mabey, Chris and Marta are going together. Chris has a Costco card. It can be paid by anyone with a VISA card.

Action: Marta will bring her car, and leave with Chris at 12.30 pm to Costco

Action: Jennifer Mabey will meet them at Costco with her own car to have more space

Action: after diner, Marta will introduce the UPDA, the board members, in a 3-min speech, then she will introduce Jennifer. Jennifer will announce the winners of the photo contest and give the prizes.

12:35 pm 2017 Postdoc Appreciation Day [15 min].

- Monday, Sept 18th
 - Room reservation: HSEB Atrium 2-6pm, HSEB2680 4-5:30 pm
 - schedule for the event – please see proposed schedule on the 2nd page

- Advertising

12:50 pm Additional Points of Discussion [10 min]

- Website Photo contest

Action: Jen Nichols will count the votes at 5.15 pm the 10th of July

The photo contest was a really good idea, with a good turnout of picture submissions, but also people joined the Facebook page. And we have some pictures we can use for the website.

- Lunch Networking Event

Action: Seema, are you going to organize one in July?

The farmers market at VA start the 17th of July.

Action: Heather will make a map with a star to show where is the market, and give indications about how to get there (shutter and stop), that she will send to Marta

- UPDA banner update

We will have it for the BBQ!

- PhD Career Fair – proposed by Jen Nichols

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

It was Chris last board meeting. Gaëlle will take over his duties.

Action: Chris and Gaëlle will meet so he can show her how to take care of the website.

Action: get access to the website for Gaëlle (Jennifer?).

The 3-min thesis for postdocs will start Aug16th, for 4 weeks. There will be a dress rehearsal on the Postdoc Appreciation week, which can be a part of our events for that week. It will be announced during the BBQ and Jennifer will take care of the advertisement.

Action: event advertised on the website

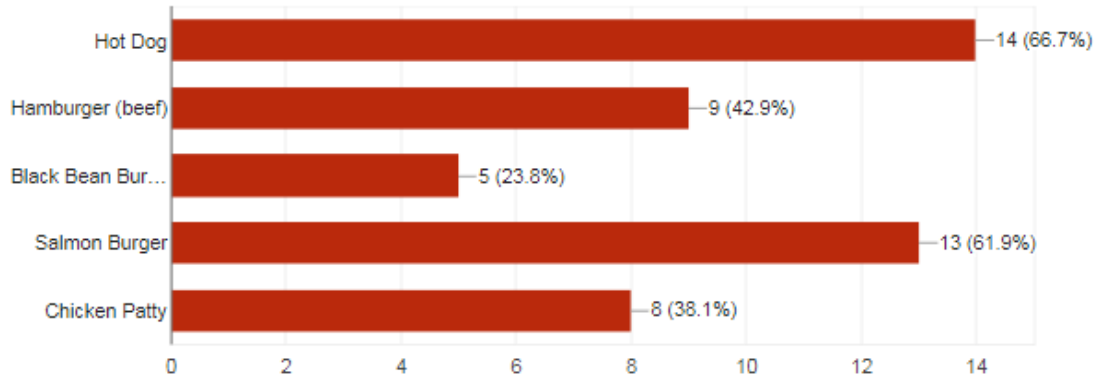
The graduate school is organizing a NIH funding research symposium from 1 to 5 pm the 27th of July.

Action: event advertised on the website

Next Meeting: 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Friday, August 4th, in HSEB 5100A
Documents Sent: Agenda, Minutes from June Meeting

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

21 responses



PD Appreciation Week – schedule

Monday, Sept 18th, HSEB Atrium and 2680

2:30 – 3:30 poster session

3:30 – 4:00 snack break

4:00 – 5:00 keynote speaker

[Jennifer contacted speakers to talk about the imposture syndrome](#)

Action: if she does not get news by next week, she will look for another keynote speaker.

5:05 – 5:30 poster session winner's announcement and prize giveaway

5:30 summary and goodbye

Tuesday, Sept 19th

Hiking after work

5:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 20th, President Circle Park/Mariott Library/Union

Ice cream social – family friendly

5:30pm?

Thursday, Sept 21st, upper campus

Coffee hour with professional photo