

U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 PM on August 3rd, 2018

HSEB 5100A

Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Gaelle Batot (Biochemistry), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Amelia Hodges (Chemistry), Jessica Jacob (Pathology), Elizabeth Kolawole (Pathology), Noemi Paguigan (Medicinal Chemistry Department), Malini Rajan (Molecular Medicine), Raziye Mohammadpour (School of Pharmacy).

Known Absences: Aneesa Al Soodani (Chemistry), Daniel Mendoza (Atmospheric Sciences/GCSC), Sharanya Kalasekar (HCI)

Guests: Elizabeth Stefan (Human Genetics), Dorina Diekjürgen (Department of Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry), Chris Cambion (Population Health Sciences.)

Agenda

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

12:05 pm Vote Board Members and Board positions [5 min]
The following persons were voted in:
Noemi Paguigan—board member
Jessica Jacob—board member, communication team

Action: Noemi and Jessica send Gaëlle a picture and a summary to add them on the website
Action: Gaëlle gives them access to the UPDA box and verify that all the board members have access to the box.

Amelia Hodges—communication team

12:10 pm Lunch & Learn [5 min]

- Recap: July 17th, Tony Tsai about Work-Life Balance RSVP 39 Attd 24
It was noted that we appreciate Tony Tsai's speaking skills and how he brings in a new perspective at each presentation. We also appreciate that he gives personal life examples (family, etc.)
- Aug 17th: Preparing Postdoctoral Fellowships & Grants RSVP 11
Jan Abramson, MS, Sponsored Projects Officer, Office of Sponsored Projects
Peter Kraus, Associate Librarian, Marriott Library, University of Utah
Gary Schoenwolf, Distinguished Professor & Experienced Grant Writer
Kami McNeill, Research Manager, Pre-award, Eccles Institute of Human Genetics, University of Utah
- September no L&L
- Oct 17th Industry Panel cf list at the end
Many of the panelists are biomedical people which some board members were concerned about. However, there is still time to find speakers for variety. Additionally, a recent non-UPDA panel was less biomedical. Sharanya mentioned previously that she might have ideas for panelists, but she is presently out of country.
It was noted that it is preferable to have panelists with postdoc experience. Next year, we hope to invite Erin back for an event.

Action: Natalia contacts Monique for contact information of the medical director from ARUP

Action: Malini, Sharanya and Gaëlle start to invite speakers.

- November 14th Chalk Talk with Wes Sundquist

12:20 pm Thirsty Thursday – update [5 min]

6 people attended at Campfire Lounge in Sugarhouse. The event attracted different postdocs than at previous Thirsty Thursday events due to a change in location from downtown.

It was suggested we make a spreadsheet about Thirsty Thursday for the UBox that details the attendance and the location.

Action: Gaëlle makes the spreadsheet.

It was also suggested we coordinate carpooling to Thirsty Thursday events when public transportation is not available.

12:25 pm Coffee & Bagels with a Mentor RSVP 16 Present 11[5 min]

Next event will be with Luisa Whittaker-Brooks from the Chemistry Department. It was suggested to organize this event on main campus —Crocker Building?

Action: Gaëlle will send dates to Natalia, then Natalia will contact Luisa, once the date is decided Jen will book a room in Crocker.

If the event in August is on a Monday or Thursday, Jennifer can pick up the coffee and bagels. If it is on a different day of the week, Jessica volunteered to pick them up. Future events are planned for August, October and December

12:30 pm National Postdoc Appreciation Week [15min]

All board members should plan to attend as many events as possible and volunteer for at least one. Gaëlle will provide support and general supervision and would like to be CC'ed on pertinent emails.

- NPAW dates: September 17-21, 2018
- Discussion about the events planned for the week
- Poster session on the 1st day, with keynote address
 - Schedule:

➤ Monday 17: Poster session with keynote address [Keynote speaker acquisition still in progress](#)
1:30 – 2:30 poster session [Poster session has historically gone over time. 7 judges have confirmed so far. The judges will need to be reminded of the event and given rubrics approximately a week in advance. We should solicit participation with a save the date announcement, followed by a link to the rules. Application deadline will be Wednesday 12th of September.](#)

Action: Raziye, Daniel and Natalia will coordinate to organize the poster competition. Jessica will help to set up the boards. Natalia will send information to the others about how to organize, advertisement drafts and rules of contest.

Action: Jen will be providing snacks

2:30 – 2:45 snack break

2:45-3:45 Postdoc Pitches and/or additional workshop by AAAS speaker [Materials should be ready to send out soon. Postdoc pitches are short elevator talks that will be run in the format of workshop over the course of 4 weeks.](#)

3:45 – 4:00 snack break

4:00 – 4:15 UPDA Introduction HSEB 2110

4:15- 5:15 Keynote speaker HSEB 2110

[Next year we should start earlier to contact speakers.](#)

5:00- 5:15: poster and pitches winner. HSEB 2110

- Tuesday 18: 5 pm Ice cream in the Park by surplus or hot chocolate in HSEB atrium followed by a walk/hike at 6 pm if the weather is ok. [Jennifer and Amelia are coordinating this. Hike will be at the Red Butte gardens, and open to postdoc families.](#)
- Wednesday 19: Coffee and bagel with headshot 9 am The Union [Located at the Den in the Union Building–Sharanya oversees this event with Jen.](#)
- Thirsty Thursday on 20th at 6 pm [Aneesa oversees this event](#)

Advertisement: UPDA website/Facebook/Email/Grad School/ Flyers [It was proposed the email be shifted to a gmail account.](#)

Action: [Gaëlle updates the website.](#)

Proposed calendar for emails:

8/7 save the date

8/16 to 9/7 reminders

9/14 last reminder

9/17 day-of email

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

- Survey [by Sharanya will be sent the Monday after the NPAW.](#)
- Next Board Meeting will be in HSEB 5100 D
- Flyer of event with QR code [and link to UPDA website. Flyers should be eye-catching](#)
- Assign person for taking notes on next L&L [Amelia](#)
- Guest comments [Liz suggested lunch and learn topic: mentoring graduate students](#)

12:55 pm Summary of Assigned Tasks & End of Meeting

[Additional comment: Suvendu got a position and he is no longer a member of the board. We thank him for the work he has done for the UPDA.](#)

Next Meeting: 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Friday. September 7th, in HSEB 5100D

Documents Sent: Agenda, Minutes from July Meeting, coffee and bagel idea list, Industry panel list

Coffee and Bagel Idea list

Young faculties (There are 2 in my department, suggestions from other departments?)

- Meeting with postdocs who got an interview for faculty position (I know at least 3 who got interview but did not get the position)

- We could invite David Timm, he was Research Advisor and group leader Eli Lilly & Co, he got an early retirement and just joined the Cryo-EM facility as Core Manager. I think both those experiences are interesting.

- A postdoc that transitioned to oversee a University Core a couple of years back (cf Natalia)
- A postdoc that was briefly part of the UPDA before start to work at Nelson Labs (cf Natalia)
- Mario Capecchi

Oct 17th Biomedical Industry Panel

- Nicole Monroe PhD. She was a Postdoc in the Biochemistry department until July 17, then she got a R&D scientist position at ARUP and she just moved on to a scientist in clinical affairs position at Biofire Diagnostics
- Laura Sittig, Senior Medical Writer and Project Manager at Intermountain Healthcare
- Matthew R. Terry, PhD, Medical Science Liaison at Eisai (PhD but not postdoc)
- Beth Bagley, Sr. Medical Science Liaison at Genomic Health (role is like Matt, did postdoc at the U)
- Paul Rindler, R and D Scientist at ARUP Laboratories Inc
- Work with Monique to get a Medical director from ARUP