

U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12.00-1.00 pm on July 12th, 2019

HSEB 5100A

Present: Gaelle Batot (Biochemistry), Dorina Diekjürgen, Tosifa Memon (Pharmacology and Toxicology), Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Shraddha Nayak (Biochemistry), Amelia Hodges (Chemistry), Ioannis Karagiannidis (Internal Medicine)

Known Absences:

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Guests:

Minutes taken by:

Agenda

12:00 pm Approve minutes from last meeting.

12:05 pm Faculty Application Package Workshop [10mins]

1. June – July – Hands-on workshop on Preparing a Faculty Application Package

- 14 postdocs
- June 10th – CV
 - Dr. Don Delker
 - Dr. Gabrielle Kardon
- June 26th - Cover Letter
 - Dr. Greg Ducker
 - Dr. Tyler Faith
 - Dr. Luisa Whittaker-Brooks
- July 10th - Research statement
 - Dr. Bryan Jones
 - Dr. Matt Miller
 - Dr. Minna Roh-Johnson
 - Dr. Robert Judson-Torres

2. Sessions on teaching Statement and Diversity statement – survey had responses from 14 postdocs:

- All 14 want to do the session on Teaching Statement
- 13 want to do the Diversity statement
- Marta, Fatima and Sharanya will incorporate survey findings and plan the next two sessions

3. Fall – Lunch & Learn session on Chalk Talks – suggestions needed for speakers – email Wes Senquist – might be good to have a young PI

12:20 pm Lunch & Learn [5 min]

- June 19th HSEB 2600: Janet Iwasa –

Was a successful event with approx. 40 postdocs attending. A postdoc approached Gaelle about an Illustrator workshop, and Gaelle and Sharanya connected them Shraddha Nayak and Grace Hsu from the Iwasa lab. The UPDA will help them organize the workshop -advertisement, room reservation, forms/RSVPs etc.

Sharanya will update exact RSVP count by next meeting.

July 10th L&L: Networking 101: Mary Anne Berzins and Francine Mahak

Mary Anne invited Francine to speak about virtual networking.

Sharanya took notes.

Pizza delays, but it worked out fine in the end – pizza arrived by 12:45pm.

Leftover soda from BBQ event was used for this event.

Upcoming L&Ls:

- August – date undecided – Francine Mahak on Negotiating in an Industry Interview
- October - Chalk Talk
- November - Teaching as a career option
- January - Tony Tsai about Creating a Meaningful Career.
- Maybe nothing in December

12:30pm Coffee & Bagels with a Mentor [5 min]

July 23rd – Sarah Franklin – Volunteerism and Making time for community engagement
Marta helped organize this and will co-ordinate the event as Sharanya will be traveling.

August – Eric – Non-disclosure agreement – He is on Board, we just need to finalize a date.
Sharanya might have a contact who may visit SLC in August – he is an inventor with PhD.
She will confirm by August Board meeting.

Suggestions:

- Eric can be invited again for non-disclosure agreement.
- Michael Kay: PI in biochemistry and Scientific Director at Navigen can talk about difference of hiring process
- Sarah Franklin and her work in Hope Humanitarian
- Daniel Mendoza who is involved in local environment initiatives
- Erin Young Bioinformatics Fellow at Utah Public Health Laboratory
- Government positions, policy: Ivy Estabrooke, Executive director, Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative
- Inventor, PhD with a patent

12:35 pm NPAW [15 min]

- Speakers suggestions: Fatima's speaker suggestion – what kind of session/talk do we want from him? Sharanya will send email to Board members with speaker details so

they can suggest ideas for what kind of session(s) we want, and whether we should offer a keynote for general and workshop for limited audience. We have suggestions which will be discussed in the meeting. Planning to start next week.

- Natalia will start getting the poster session judges organized.
- Suggestions for photographer/s to take pictures for NPAW. - Budget: about \$300 to take pictures for an hour and edit. It is possible to fix the number of pictures taken in the price. Shraddha and Tosifa will contact potential photographers from outside. - Shraddha/Tosifa has a contact who might potentially work!

Venue for headshots – Genetics building
Marta might have a backup –

- Career Fair - Sharanya will ask Board members and postdocs at large (Twitter/FB) to type out lists of companies (especially ones they may have a contact in) for having a booth at the Career Fair.

Genetics book atrium – building

Contact Francine – Career Fair talking points – Fisher Scientific, Tyler (Leica), Thermo rep – Josh Romney - n genetics –

HCI vendor – show –
1.5 hours?

Reach out to someone in Recruitment –

Monday

Tues – workshop

Wed –

Hike -

16th – Monday

Nancy – waiting list – Monday – 19th/20th – rising start symposium MONDAY

12:40 pm Summer BBQ [5 min]

- Friday, June 21st, 5-7pm
- Event went very well.
- Discussion of Board feedback.
- Jennifer Mabey could not make it.
- Dr. Katie Ullman presented gifts to winners of photo contest.

Special thanks to postdocs who helped out! – Mo, Amelia, Zach Wilson and his wife, Shraddha, Jeff, Tosifa and her husband, Chemistry postdocs who set up the games.

12:45 pm Social Events [5 min]

- Hikes – June 13th, upcoming? Shraddha/Tosifa/Aneesha plan on scheduling maybe 2 hikes a month, depending on how the June 13th hike goes.
 - o This hike went well.
 - o Next hike is 20th or 21st of July – Shraddha to give update.

12:50 pm Photo Contest [5 min] – Thank you to Aneesha for getting this done. Aneesha can provide feedback on how things can be made better/easier for next year. Board feedback welcome.

12:55 pm Additional Points of Discussion [5 min]

- Meeting with Julio Facelli, President Academic Senate – Brief update, details next meeting when Natalia is present
 - o He wants to come to a meeting.
 - o Townhall after his visit – so postdocs know it's serious business - SEPTEMBER
 - o Talking points for townhall at some point.
 - o Take away from townhall – survey to collect data
- Hiring of Associate Dean – interviews ongoing.
- Guest comments

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