

AGENDA
U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting
12.00-1.00 pm on June 5th , 2020
Virtual meeting via ZOOM

Total Board Member Count: 12

Board members: Sharanya Kalasekar (HCI), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Shraddha Nayak (Biochemistry), Noemi Paguigan (Medicinal Chemistry), Esther Chang (DFPM), Tosifa Memon (Pharmacology and Toxicology), Ioannis Karagiannidis (Internal Medicine), Dr. Amy Barrios (Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Affairs), Kristen Davenport (Biochemistry), Matthias Lange (CVRTI), Harriet Dashnow (Human Genetics)

Number Present (as recorded in Zoom chat): 10

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Known Absences:

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Guests:

Minutes taken by: Noemi Paguigan

Agenda

Old business (20 minutes)

1. Introduction of new attendees
No new attendees
2. Recognition of Sharanya as outgoing Senior chair
3. Election of new Senior and Junior chairs (anonymous polling via Zoom)
 - a. Nominee Kristen Davenport-Senior chair – unanimous approval
 - b. Harriet Dashnow-Junior chair – unanimous approval
4. Approve minutes from May meeting
5. Brief review recent events
 - a. Job Search Panel
There were 20+ attendees.
The panelist were very upfront and very helpful.
No technical glitches were experienced.
 - b. IDP
Nine people RSVPd. Six people attended.
Cheryl Matthis led the 1st session.
Sharanya will make the resources available on the UPDA website after discussion with Amy Barrios.
Should we have an IDP workshop for graduate students? The UPDA plans to ask Cheryl Matthis to lead this workshop.
 - c. Social hour
Six people signed up and five showed up.

The low attendance could be due to several reasons: a. change in schedule b. zoom exhaustion c. advertisement was not too “inviting” d. people are getting more comfortable with the pandemic so there is no need to attend an online social event as they can do it face to face e. could be the games.

Should the UPDA show support to the ongoing protests/ fight against racial injustice by organizing events? No concrete decision finalized.

Shraddha will be organizing a Photography contest.

Potential topics: a. Science in isolation b. Pandemic buster

Prizes: 3 winners, each will win \$50.

Rules on how to vote need to be specified.

New business (35 minutes)

1. Updates from committees

a. Outreach?

Amy Barrios will make sure that all postdocs are in the mailing list.

Administration contacts will also be added into the mailing lists.

b. Advocacy?

There are financial aspects that are needed

Focus on grievance policies.

Collecting data-including salary data, leaves, policies.

c. Social? Discussed above.

d. Communication?

Update of the board information

Amy Barrios needs to be on the website.

Natalia has uploaded a document on ubox that discusses how to advertise a UPDA event.

Access to the UPDA gmail account will be given to the UPDA board members.

2. Addition of professional development committee – interest in chairing?

This committee will be started by Kirsten.

Discuss topics on collaboration.

Next meeting (5 minutes)

1. July meeting will focus on bylaw adjustments

2. Guest comments

3. Voting of new board members