

AGENDA
U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting
12.00-1.00 pm on December 4th, 2020
Virtual meeting via ZOOM

Total Board Member Count: 13

Board members:

Esther Chang (DFPM)

Harriet Dashnow (Human Genetics)

Kenneth Lyon (Neurobiology and Anatomy)

Kristen Davenport (Biochemistry, Human Genetics)

Marta Szulik (CVRTI)

Matthias Lange (CVRTI)

Natalia Torres (CVRTI)

Noemi Paguiguan (Medicinal Chemistry)

Olja Simoska (Chemistry)

Sharanya Kalasekar (HCI)

Shraddha Nayak (Biochemistry)

Tosifa Memon (Pharmacology and Toxicology)

Amy Barrios (OPA)

Leave of absence: Ioannis Karagiannidis (Internal Medicine), Harriet Dashnow (Human Genetics)

Number Present (as recorded in Zoom chat): 8

Present: Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Sharanya Kalasekar (HCI), Esther Chang (Family and Preventive Medicine), Kristen Davenport (Biochem, Human Genetics), Kenneth (Neurobiology, SMBB), Shraddha (Biochem), Matthias Lange (CVRTI)

Known Absences: Amy Barrios, Olja Simoska

Absences: Tosifa Memon (Pharmacology and Toxicology)

Guests: Mai Tran, Jyoti Motwani

Minutes taken by: Noemi Paguiguan

Agenda

Old business

1. Introduction of new attendees
2. Approve minutes from November meeting
Minutes approved
3. Farewell Marta and Natalia
Kristen Davenport gave a short talk about their significant contributions to the UPDA through the years.
Kristen Davenport read Amy Barrios' message for both Marta and Natalia.
Sharanya Kalasekar gave a short message.
Shraddha Nayak gave a short message.
Marta and Natalia gave short messages.

New business

1. Communications changes
 - a. Change of leadership and allocation of tasks

- Mai Tran will be part of the communications team. She will be handling UPDA emails (i.e. advertising social events and etc.)
 - Esther Chang will be the new webmaster.
 - Olja Simoska is the new social media coordinator.
 - Marta and Natalia will help in the smooth transition of responsibilities.
- b. Advertising: all events should be posted to the #advertisements channel in Slack! Mai will send emails mid-week (likely Wednesdays), so have information in Slack by then.
2. Professional development events committee
- a. December event
- There will be an event that will be focusing on holding a career panel highlighting non-academic careers.
 - Four speakers: staff scientist (human genetics), journal editor, director (UofU), program officer (NIH)
- b. Future events – anyone want to participate?
Traditional vs non-traditional routes for postdocs
3. Social committee
- a. December event
- Have a regular social event? Find a volunteer to help with a craft activity.
 - December 21st Holiday craft activity, cooking with kids, and meeting afterwards? Or before the event?
 - November event pushed through with three participants.
4. Advocacy update – Academic Senate subcommittee update
- 12/3/2020 first meeting was held with postdocs and with various levels of administrative people.
5. Outreach
- a. Should we have a townhall meeting or wellness check for postdocs in early 2021?
- b. Sharanya, Shraddha and Sarah Anderson are working on an exit survey and expect to have a draft to the Board and to Amy by the end of December.

Next meeting

1. Guest comments
Jyoti Motwani- Good to hear about the events being planned by the UPDA for the postdocs.
2. Vote for new board members
Mai Tran-this is her second attendance. She will be elected as a board member in the next board meeting.