

7/18/13 OSU PDA General Meeting Minutes

Present: Rick Laguna, Shareef Dabdoub, Will Cantara, Hanah Chapman, Asuko Uchida, Ioana Boeras, Emily Butler

Career development series update:

The next talk will be held Thursday, July 25th at 10am in BRT 105. Kathleen Boris-Lawrie, PhD will be discussing her career as a PI at OSU. Announcements will be sent to the listserv, PDA website, and OSUToday. Emily will put together an attendance sheet and email it to Ioana.

In August we will host Bruce Weinberg, Professor of Economics, <http://www.econ.ohio-state.edu/weinberg/> who will discuss the NIH's Future Biomedical Workforce report and his efforts on the working group that wrote the report.

For September Emily noted that Nicole Kwiek had agreed to participate, she is the Asst Director for Educational Outreach at the OSU College of Pharmacy and runs the Generation Rx Initiative. Other contacts with ties to education/education outreach were discussed to approach regarding participation in the September talk.

The idea of incorporating talks focused on well-being, work-life balance, and health issues was also discussed. Having someone come in and discuss the Your Plan for Health initiative was suggested.

PDA business:

The need to track past PDA members in the form of an alumni list was again noted. Information such as the years active in the PDA, current contact information, and the position left for would be included. It was agreed that the task of maintaining the list would fall to the PDA Webmaster.

Committee Reports:

Social:

Ioana suggested a weekend picnic for the next PDA social event. Beekman Park on West Campus was named as a potential location, albeit a reservation might be required. The suggestion of Whetstone Park was well-received.

The OSU PDA will be hosting a Happy Hour at the Varsity Club on Thursday night during Post-Doc Appreciation Week.

Benefits:

Hanah noted that she had emailed Pam Doseck (Director of Benefits) for information regarding the proposed meeting to officially define the position 'PostDoc'. Hanah has offered to update the wiki with directions to be taken by future members of the benefits committee, including important issues and questions to raise.

Additional issues:

A proposal/petition for the development of an Office of Postdoctoral Affairs at the Ohio State University is to be given to Carol Whitacre by leadership of the OSU PDA. The present draft indicates what such an office would entail and what its benefits to the university would be. The draft also notes that many prominent institutions already have such an office in place. This initiative is backed by Marcela, Jeff, and Ciji, as well as the planning committee for the upcoming PostDoc Orientation, whom will apparently stay associated as the Postdoc Advisory Committee.

Midwest postdoc association:

It was generally agreed upon that we would address this issue again in the coming Fall.

Meeting Minutes prepared by E. Butler (Secretary), approved by S. Dabdoub (Co-Chair)