

February 2016

OSU-PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda

February 22nd, 2016 12-1pm
Bricker 200

Introductions and brief background on the PDA – The PDA was established in Jan 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers and supported by advisors from the Office of Research (Jeff Agnoli) and the College of Arts and Sciences (Marcela Hernandez). The PDA receives financial and mission support from the Graduate School, Office of Research, Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, and Engineering, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Public Health, Dentistry, and Education and Human Ecology, and receives administrative support from Life Sciences and Environmental Sciences Networks. Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members.

- Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families
- Maintain a charter with the National Postdoc Association: You are all members!

- 1) **General PDA Business**, Hugh Morris, Co-Chair (Sept 2015 – Current), April Joice, Co-Chair (Oct 2015 – Current)
- 2) **Current Postdoc Issues/Announcements:**
 - a. H Morris is attending the NPA conference.
 - b. Call was sent out looking for postdocs to send in applications to the University Staff Advisory Council.
 - c. Planning for the Vendor show is underway. VWR specific show. Send out reminder to form core committee form the show.
 - d. Letter being drafted to the University Senate to encourage the changing of committee bylaws to explicitly include postdoc scholars as members on university committees. Sharrif is a nonvoting member of the committee.
- 3) **Announcements from the Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC): April Joice**
 - a. OPA Update: escalate the proposal to the council of deans. Integrating PAC with graduate association.
 - b. Postdoc orientation: Revone ventures will have representative speakers.
 - c. The last PAC meeting occurred prior to the last PDA meeting.
 - d. Next PAC meeting is tomorrow at 3pm.
 - e. Opportunities from STEM
- 4) **Updates from the Secretary – Sayak Bhattacharya**
 - a. Dates for the upcoming meetings
 - i. March 16th at DHLRI 160 from 4-5pm.

- ii. Monday, April 18th, 12 pm (Research Commons)
- iii. Wednesday, May 18th, 4 pm

5) **Updates from the Treasurer – Ioannis Mergos**

- a. **Balance** on the account is \$5623.91. Plus cash from sold Tshirts (\$130). Pending reimbursements for Kickoff (\$201) and Feb. Coffee break (\$34).
- b. **Tshirts:** 13 sold, 1 gifted (prize of Kickoff draw). 35 still available.

6) **Committee Updates**

a. **Social – Atsuko Uchida**

i. **Report of recent event:**

1. **January 28th, PDA Kick off:**

- a. 21 attendees – All attendees were from Medical campus, including the PIs.

2. **February 9th Coffee Break:**

- a. 20 attendees – Most were from Chemistry, Physics, and Chemical Engineering Department.

ii. **Upcoming event:** The next coffee break is scheduled on Tuesday, March 1st at the BRT. Rm 115.

iii. **Future planning idea under consideration:**

- 1. The best usage of the attendee sheet of coffee break.
- 2. Location of monthly coffee break – Research Commons, either of medical center or other campus area
- 3. Next joint event (Social and Professional Development) ----- maybe June?
- 4. Other joint events (e.g. Social and International with immigration lawyer)
- 5. Spring hike ---- maybe May?
- 6. Follow up with new members to join the PDA committees.

b. **Policy and Advocacy**

- i. The Policy and Advocacy Committee has continued to work on post doc parental leave policy change. We have been working on a presentation for the President and Provost's Council on Women that will be given on February 24. The purpose of this meeting is to ask for the endorsement of our ideas of policy change from the committee members. The document will then be presented to the Provost for official action. Ginger initiatives: focuses on issues concerning thinning down of women population in science.

c. **Website** – Fixing the meeting time to third week of Mondays and Thursdays. Wiki site needs to be fixed.

d. **International**

- i. Initiating an International ambassador program. Program to register different postdocs that will act as ambassadors and assist their respective region specific postdocs.
- ii. Setting up town hall meetings with International postdocs.
- iii. Initiating a legal advice evening with immigration lawyers that are alumni of OSU.

e. **Professional Development – Zeenia Kaul (Chair)**

PAC: OPA update proposal was given to take the matter to the council of deans.

- i. **March Seminar** – Strategic planning for career in Academia by Prof. Psaras L. McGrier (Dept. of Chemistry)
- ii. **April Seminar** - Careers outside Academia (need help finding panelists)