

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda (Minutes in Red)

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018; Research Commons 352, 12-1pm

**Background:** The PDA was established in January 2013 with support from the Office of Research, is run by Postdoc volunteers, and supported by Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC) advisors from the Office of Research and colleges throughout the university. The purpose of PDA is to address the needs and concerns of its members by:

Providing representation and liaison between its members and the administration

Advocating for constructive changes in the research environment and in policies that affect the lives of postdocs and their families

Promoting the academic and non-academic career goals of its members

Building a community of postdocs by promoting interaction between postdocs on academic, social, cultural and political issues

National Postdoc Association (NPA)

General PDA Business	Jessica Irons and Sara Koenig
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of PDA Advocate Award <b>Award goes to Jeff Agnoli</b></li><li>• Budget <b>Committees members please send your estimated budgets</b></li><li>• Teleconferencing <b>Trying out option to live stream audio of the PDA meetings, and post on website depending on sound quality</b></li><li>• New positions available soon <b>Jess Irons will be stepping down as Co-Chair this spring</b></li><li>• Need social committee, development <b>Any interest in joining the social committee or development committee please let us know.</b></li><li>• Reminder to upload attendance sheets to Box</li></ul>	
Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC)	Marcela Hernandez
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCSS MOU and services to Postdocs – Will bring flyers <b>Launching a pilot program for postdocs, for help with resumes, practice interviews, job search. Testing to see if can be a permanent arrangement. If you use it you will be asked to fill out a survey to keep track of how many post-docs use services. Will be announced when it is in place.</b></li><li>• Presentation of the OPA's Engagement Award <b>Congratulations to Jeffrey Skidmore</b></li><li>• NPA Annual Meeting <b>This April and encourage interested postdocs to attend</b></li></ul>	
University Research Committee (URC)	Douglas Cheung and Jing Zhang
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responsible conduct of research training <b>Emphasizing the importance of doing CITI training</b></li><li>• LabArchives, electronic lab notebook <b>Available for free, anyone can use.</b></li><li>• Authorship guideline white paper, <b>URC thinking of drafting white paper. Would provide standard guide for everyone, but want input to capture different perspectives in different disciplines. If you have input you can send to Douglas.</b></li><li>• Bylaws change – representative requirement <b>URC rep would be appointed rather than volunteer.</b></li></ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New VP of Office of Research – Randy Moses, interim director</li> </ul>	
<b>International</b>	<b>Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on tax information session in late February/March  Email will be coming with announcement of date/time. One session, will be asking to send your questions with rsvp. 1 hour session, with time for individual questions afterwards</li> <li>• Next international scholar visa/green card session planned in the spring of 2018  Probably April or May</li> <li>• Amending the post-doc guide to include: expat organizations in Columbus, references and resources to address cultural differences, temporary living arrangements, how to pay bills, travel arrangements, health checkups and vaccinations</li> </ul>	
<b>Policy and Advocacy</b>	<b>Leanna Perez and Douglas Cheung</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates  University will announce Denman Undergraduate Research judge opportunities soon. Good idea to volunteer.  University is considering App interface to see when a lactation room is full. More information coming</li> </ul>	
<b>Social</b>	<b>Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February coffee break: Feb 6th from 9:00am to 10:30am, Agricultural Engineering Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the event, we connected to the Wooster Campus using the department web meeting system. 12 people attended from the main campus and 18 people attended from the Wooster campus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• March coffee break: March 6th at BRT 134 from noon to 1:30pm</li> <li>• We are planning to have the spring hike with Wooster campus postdoc. Please let us know your idea including the location etc.</li> <li>• Recruiting social committees —Please let us know if you know someone to be interested in our activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>March: (1)</b> BioOhio - March 22, <b>(2)</b> Transitioning into Industry (March 30)</li> <li>• <b>April:</b> Decision Making and Stress Management (April 12)</li> <li>• <b>May:</b> Internships in Industry: Gaining Experience (TBD)</li> <li>• <b>June:</b> Search Committees for Undergraduate Institutions (TBD)</li> </ul>	
<b>Development</b>	<b>Nathalie Houssin</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting on the update from Kerry regarding the amount of money received through the PDA fund.</li> <li>• 4th Annual OSU Postdoctoral Association Vendor Show will be <b>September 18<sup>th</sup> 2018!</b> A Call for volunteers (with an online sign-up sheet) will follow very soon</li> <li>• A paired event with the Office of Undergraduate Research to promote mentoring and networking for post-docs is scheduled for <b>October 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018</b>. Poster sessions for Undergrads and Postdocs are planned as well as Short talks for Postdocs. If you want to volunteer for this event, you can contact Nathalie Houssin (<a href="mailto:houssin.1@osu.edu">houssin.1@osu.edu</a>).</li> <li>• Can send ideas planning brainstorming session, with office of undergrad research and creative inquiry.</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Manoj Gottipati</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please send event updates, with the flier, as early as possible so they can be put up on the website and Facebook page</li> <li>• If anyone is interested in expanding our social media efforts, please contact Manoj (or stay after the meeting to discuss) <a href="mailto:gottipati.5@osu.edu">gottipati.5@osu.edu</a></li> <li>• Travel award update, <b>In April applications will open for conferences July to Dec 2018, planning to give out 4 awards, so postdocs are encouraged to apply!</b></li> </ul>	

**Treasurer****Nathalie Houssin**

- For Reimbursements:
  - Send event flier, and list of attendee, and scanned copy of receipt with your name on it to Nathalie Houssin ([houssin.1@osu.edu](mailto:houssin.1@osu.edu))
  - Keep your original receipt until you are able either to give it to Nathalie or to drop it at Teresa Kempton's Office (at the Union, first floor, at the entrance of the graduate students' office). A box should be installed soon.

**Secretary****Laura Chavez**

Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:

- March 21<sup>st</sup>, BRT 134
- April 18<sup>th</sup>, Research Commons 352
- May 16<sup>th</sup>, James L045