

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Feb 19th BRT 134. 12-1pm

Present: Shareef Dabdoub, Nancy Moran, Elaine Wells-Gray, Zeenia Kaul, Suresh Kari, Daniel Kiss, Yoshie Narui, Huijing He, Vanessa Varljay, Marcela Hernandez

General PDA Business & Updates (Nancy Moran)

Update on the establishment of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

No new updates on the timeline required to implement the proposed Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

Charter Revisions

The PDA was considering putting into place a way to discern “general” PDA members (those who are on the listserv and may attend events) from “active” PDA members (those who come to meetings and participate in the planning and execution of events). However, consensus supports not defining active versus general members of the PDA at this time in the interest of remaining inclusive to all of our membership.

The timing of elections was also brought up for discussion previously. While presently listed as being held in the Spring, consensus supports moving the elections to the fall with considerable effort being made to allow one month overlap between out-going and in-coming board members. If someone is to leave before their term is finished, an interim officer will be found to cover the time until the next election.

The updated and ratified charter will be posted to the PDA website.

Next PDA event:

February 25th, 1063 Graves Hall, 12-1 PM – **“Communicating Research Findings with the Public”**, Darrell Ward, Communications at The James and Jeff Grabmeier, University Communications (Nancy & Shareef working on this one) Note that this event is open to all OSU postdocs, staff, and students.

Midwestern Postdoctoral Forum

The 2nd annual Midwestern Postdoctoral Association Research Forum is scheduled for May 15, 2015, at Iowa State University. We will announce this event to our membership; we could potentially support travel and registration through the PAC or Office of Research. As support would be limited, attendees would likely have to drive.

Updates from the Treasurer (Vanessa Varaljay)

The current balance in our Developmental Fund Account is \$629.02. This account is being managed by Karen Liming, the fiscal officer in the Office of Research.

To access these funds for reimbursement, a statement of business purpose, copy of attendance sheets, and original receipts must be provided. Reimbursements can be coordinated through Vanessa. For larger events we may seek preapproval rather than relying on reimbursements. Preapproval is also required for any event where alcohol will be served. The types of beverages that can be served is limited to Coke products.

Coke products which may be served at OSU events: Coke, Minute Maid, Simply Orange, Powerade, Sprite, Fanta, Dasani, Vitamin Water, Fresca, Smart Water, Mello Yello, Fuze Tea, Honest Tea, OS Energy Drink, Odwalla

Of note, we also can no longer accept charges through Square.

Vanessa also reports getting a good response to her survey asking for interest in purchasing an OSU Postdoc T-shirt. She is currently waiting to hear back about OSU trademark licensing. The forms are submitted but we will also need to know if the vendor is OSU approved. If not, another vendor will be identified. A method for tracking and collecting payment will be required, as well as a way to deliver T-shirts. As discussed previously, we could pair this sale with another event (i.e. postdoc orientation).

Vanessa is also working to set up a Dine to Donate event at Brenan's but is still trying to get ahold of the owner for discussion.

Updates from the PAC (Marcela Hernandez)

Only 25 people were in attendance for today's event: Strategies For Success: Key Ways For Enhancing Your Professional Style. This raises concerns regarding PAC funding in the future. Marcela noted that the event was recorded and may be available to post in the near future.

Upcoming events sponsored through Research Commons include:

Opening Access to Your Research: Strategies for Digital Scholarship Tuesday, February 24, 2015 | 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Fair Use in Research and Education Thursday, February 26, 2015 | 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

Keys to Research Success: Keeping Your Data Organized Monday, March 09, 2015 | 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Protecting and Promoting Your Research: From Copyright to Commercialization Thursday, March 26, 2015 | 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM

The PAC will be sponsoring the next Postdoc Orientation: The Essentials on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 (1:30pm to 7pm). This time the event has been moved to the afternoon/evening to try to accommodate schedules better. At the closing of the event a reception open to all postdocs is being planned. The PAC will vote at the next meeting whether companies will be invited. Following this vote, the agenda will be confirmed.

Marcela requests that the PDA informational session include slides describing our organization.

The HR informational session will include the Benefits Eligibility Booklet

(<http://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/hrpubs/ben/resourceguide.pdf>) and a summary of topics relevant to postdocs.

OUAB Meeting Report: Postdocs may attend OUAB events that are not already full to attendance capacity. In the future, the PAC may collaborate with the OUAB to cut costs and increase attendance.

English Department Meeting Report: This is toward developing an internal program to support training in scientific writing. A survey will be sent to query interest in the community. This may be an expensive venture.

The PAC is interested in sponsoring a cultural intelligence workshop to promote training in diversity.

The PAC is also interested in creating a webinar series on topics relevant to postdocs, potentially in lieu of holding events.