

11/21/13 OSU PDA General Meeting Minutes
4pm, 200 Bricker Hall

Present: Will Cantara, Ioana Boeras, Rick Laguna, Asuko Uchida, Shareef Dabdoub, Emily Butler, Annette Rateliff, Linda Adzovic

OPA proposal: The OPA proposal committee had a productive meeting on October 25th with Randy Smith and Carol Whitacre. They were receptive to our agenda, however, overall support of the proposal is contingent upon approval by the provost.

Some clarifications were requested, specifically regarding inclusion of a 3 year budget. How much money will be needed? How will the two requested positions be funded? What sort of funding and how much funding will be required for seed grants, programming, travel grants, execution of surveys? A new budget has been put together but not yet posted. Once posted on the PDA wiki page, Emily will send out an email announcement (with link) inviting comments and criticism on the budget provisions added. Three to Five days will be allotted for comments; the aim is to resubmit the proposal by December 2nd.

Career development series update:

Next event will be the "How to Be a More Successful Writer" workshop with Larry McEnerney, December 4th 2013 in the Smith Seminar room in the Physics Research Building. Larry McEnerney is from the Writing Program at University of Chicago; he will discuss how to write for your audience and persuasive writing skills. The event is open to anyone but targeted toward postdocs. Marcela will send out email invitation tomorrow.

We will also host Dave Scholl, chair of BiOhio and former CEO of Diagnostic Hybrids, who will talk about his career path and exploring alternate careers. This event will take place on either December 10th 11th or 12th. Annette will finalize the date with Dave and Rick and send Emily the information to be posted to the listserv and OSUToday. We will see about having refreshments served at the reception that will follow the seminar.

For the January Career Development series we will have two early career academic speakers: Natacha Ruiz and Kelly Wrighton.

2014 NPA meeting: The next NPA conference will be held April 4-6, 2014 at Washington University in St. Louis. Jeff reports that we funding to send a total of three representatives from CoE, ASC, and CFAES.

Social:

Ioana has suggested that we put together a brochure advertising the PDA, noting that we would have the support of the LSN in this effort. This pamphlet could be distributed to faculty to help them promote the PDA to their postdocs and/or put in the postdoc orientation information folders.

Combining general meetings with a social event in order to promote attendance was discussed. Perhaps we could arrange an event at Woody's or the Varsity Club? Combine meetings w/ social event?

Meeting Minutes prepared by E. Butler (Secretary)