

OSU PDA Monthly Meeting Agenda

August 16th 2017; 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)

Attendees

Yoshie Narui
Jess Irons
Manoj Gottipati
Noah Weisleder
Faith Brennan
Sujeet Kumar
Nathalie Houssin
Sara Koenig
Rudra Purusottam
Jeff Mason
Elaine Wells-Gray
Mona El Refaey
Angela Filous
Crystal Bolden-Rush
Avassaya Vanitcha
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General PDA Business

Yoshie Narui and Jess Irons

- Travel awards
The application and guidelines for the travel awards are almost done and will be up on the website in the next couple of weeks
- Postdoc Appreciation Week events (Sep 18-22)
Several events are being planned for the Postdoc appreciation week
 1. Happy hour on the 22nd somewhere on the campus. The venue for the event is being looked into
 2. Movie at the Union was another idea that was pitched during the meeting (PhD movie 2)
 3. Ice cream social before or after the PDA monthly meeting on the 20th
 4. Professional headshots for the postdocs
 5. A reception and awards gathering one day
- Research Expo (October 17)
The PDA will share a table with the PAC and OPA for this event. Interested people can contact the PDA co-chairs
- Discussion on PDA/OPA relationship
 1. How can the OPA work with the different PDA committees and assist them

2. Early goals of the OPA - equal pay scale and expanding the career development efforts for postdocs
3. An idea of the professional development committee meeting with the OPA twice a year and discussing the professional development efforts was put forth by Angela

Postdoc Advisory Council (PAC)

Marcela Hernandez

- PPC debrief
The event went well but the postdoc turnout was very low
- OPA transition
 1. The OPA office has been open for about 3 weeks now
 2. The temporary office for the OPA is in the Bricker Hall, 3rd floor
 3. Hiring process for several staff positions are actively underway - phone and personal interviews are being conducted
 4. What do the postdocs want out of the OPA?
 5. Townhall meetings will be held over the next few weeks to get feedback about the direction that postdocs want the OPA to move in
 6. Surveys will be sent out to collect feedback and demographic information

International

Faith Brennan and Mona El Refaey

- Working on a plan to host a tax expert to give advice to postdocs and particularly international postdocs (different between postdocs from different countries) on how to fill and file tax paperwork. The plan is to make this event at the end of the year or earlier next year.
Looking for someone with expertise in helping international scholars as well in addition to domestic. The event will be a general information session about taxes. However, the idea of attendees asking individual questions is also being looked into
- Planning to work closely with HR and Amanda Giandinoto to send out the postdoc guide to the new hired postdocs.

Policy and Advocacy

Mary Beth Wade and Sara Koenig

- The P&A committee has put together and sent the executive summary (data to present at the meeting) to Provost McPheron and Dr. Carol Whitacre.
Powerpoint summary of the FLSA survey was presented at the meeting and being sent out to the Provost.
Recommendation: Salary is preferred over hourly pay and following FLSA standards. The committee will contact the NPA to get similar info about FLSA implementation, if they have any
- We are currently drafting a survey for faculty to discover how they feel about FLSA so that we can provide the best recommendations for moving forward with FLSA. This fall we intend to return our focus on maternity leave.

Social

Atsuko Uchida and Rudra Purusottam

- The next Happy Hour is planned for 6pm on Friday, August 25th, at Hound Dog Pizza (on North High Street: <http://www.hounddogspizza.com/>).
- The next coffee break is planned for **9am on Tuesday, September 5th**. The location is **BRT134**. We will do it morning again because the rooms on the 1st floor at BRT are not available around noon at the week September 5th
- PDA Summer Picnic and BBQ location changed to "**Fred Beekman Park**" at the west campus because we can not find the grill for Park of Rose. The Starting time was also changed from **4:30 pm on Sunday September 10th** because the different group will use the space by 4pm.
- Before PDA regular meeting on September 20th, we are planning the "**ice cream social**" for celebrating the national postdoc appreciation week. The room BRT 130 (the next room of the PDA regular meeting) has been already reserved from 10 am to 12pm. Last year, we had a lot of guests, so we are anticipating many guests again. We would like to ask you to help us before the meeting.
- We are planning to do "**Happy Hour**" on September 22nd for "**National Postdoc Appreciation week celebration**". (Location TBA). Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome! Please let us know where is the best location for this plan.

Professional Development	Amara Greer-Short and Angela Filous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [August/September]. Date TBD. Topic on Teaching Opportunities at OSU. - Angela Filous This event is being discussed • October 5th at 12 pm. BRT Rm 105. The Cycle of Innovation. Technology Commercialization Office. - Amara Greer-Short This event may have food. But a flyer will be sent out soon • November 8th at 11 am. BRT Rm 105. Topic TBD. By Dr. Erandi di Silva. - Sujeet Kumar Dr. Erandi is an industry to academic person. So the topic might be something about the transition. Recommendations are welcome 	
Development	Nathalie Houssin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent date change to October 31st • Working on setting up website. • Catering will no longer be through the Meat Science department. Pizza will be ordered instead. Drinks ordered to go through soon. • Waiting on sign-ups from vendors Update from Kerry - 2 of the vendors already paid for their tables • Volunteer sign-up sheet is active – volunteers needed! See the website for link to sign up. 	
Communications	Manoj Gottipati
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please send event updates, with the flier, as early as possible so they can be put up on the website and Facebook page • If anyone is interested in expanding our social media efforts, please contact Manoj (or stay after the meeting to discuss) gottipati.5@osu.edu 	
Treasurer	Elaine Wells-Gray
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance is: \$9059 • Reimbursements: Give Elaine the original receipt and a copy of the event flyer (wells-gray.1@osu.edu) 	
Secretary	Laura Chavez
<p>Next monthly meetings are as scheduled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed. 9/20, 12 - 1pm, BRT 134 • Wed. 10/18, 12 - 1pm, Research Commons • Wed. 11/15, 12 - 1pm, BRT 134 	