

Postdoctoral Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendees: Joanna Cooper, Ankit Dwivedi, Aditya Jhagharia, Archana Gopalakrishnan, Koyel Ghosal, Melissa Kroeger, Renee Cockerham and Jennifer Aumiller

Month	Event	Social	Person-in charge
November	Teaching workshop – delayed- <i>Jenn is contacting the speaker and coordinating a time that will work with the speaker's schedule</i>	Potluck- <i>Very low attendance- only 3-4 people. Was not advertised well before the data and was on the same day as the Festival of Science.</i>	Jenn & Joanna/Joanna
December	No career event	Bake-off- <i>Scheduled for December 13th- will also host the socials after that at Mick O'Shea's. Suggestion to invite graduate students to this</i>	Joanna/Ankit
January	<i>Wellness workshop/Yoga/Self care</i>	Place TBD	Joanna/Ankit

(1) Budget

- Update from Aditya- **\$6,124.79/-**

(2) How do we want to spend our money?

- Speakers?
- Workshops? *Lots of ideas for several workshops- that would through Spring/Summer 2020.*
 - 1: **IDP workshop**- *may be hosted by Jenn, involve more postdocs to attend professional development events and other activities around the University, Jenn can explain how the IDP needs to be completed, as it helps in the postdoc's professional development also. FEBRUARY?*
 - 2: **Bioinformatics/Use of sophisticated programming**- *Archana suggested- Ankit recommended using IGS's resources to finalize this 2-3 session workshop. IGS offers paid courses for a week-long bioinformatics tools and language learning- Ankit will take the lead on this. MARCH?*
 - 3: **Analyzing Confocal and other microscopic images**: *Koyel suggested a workshop on this that can be conducted by the Director of the EM facility. She will take a lead on this. APRIL?*
 - 3: **Crunching the data in science workshop**- *Ankit proposed having a hands-on workshop that discusses using various software tools to help in big data analysis. Ankit will work on finding speakers for this. MAY?*
 - 4: **Communicating Science through Art**- *Use of graphics and imaging to create illustrations for scientific presentations and graphical abstracts for manuscripts. Archana recommended this and will work with Joanna to find speakers for the same. JUNE?*

Since the PDAC has a lot of funds, aim is to get good quality of speakers (even if out of state) who can be paid an honorarium for the workshop series.

Teaching Portfolio and Business Development Workshop are still in planning progress and will be added to the Workshop series.

- Socials? *PDAC can host a few fun/team building socials-such as Bowling, Axe throwing? Inner harbor events?*
- Plant swap? *PDAC was approached by a postdoc at Dr. McCarthy's lab about potentially funding a plant swap social event. PDAC has agreed to contribute up to \$300/- towards food.*

(3) Generate a “wish list” of ways to improve postdoc experience

PDAC will work on sending a survey to all postdocs to address issues they have as postdocs in UMB

(4) 2020 Retreat

- Keynote ideas – Jennifer Dudna, any others? *Yet to email Jennifer Dudna*

(5) Amending PDAC leadership?

- Proposed idea: 2 year appointments, with concurrent “president elect” and “vice president elect”
Hold elections a little later in the year and let the new elected members shadow the current eboard and learn how certain events are organized. This will ensure that the first responsibility of the new board is not a big task like the Annual Retreat. The New board will take office in January. The Bylaws will accordingly be amended to this effect.

(6) Lunch follow up

- Gala- *unsure of how this would work. Last year SOM had a table and had invited PDAC Presidents but no body went. Need to ask Dr. Strickland how he envisions to involve PDAC this year. The Gala happens in the Spring.*
- Attendee award- *NO*

(7) Advocacy- *not something that can be worked on by PDAC anytime in the future.*

- Retirement
- Bus passes

(8) New Business