

4/10/18 PDAC Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Saumil, Scott, Katie, Ozge, Jenn, Renee, Rachel, Harry, Doris, Katrina, Xuexiang

Overview for March Events

- **Happy hr** – decently attended – 12-14 people showed up, some of them were attending a PDAC event first time.
- **How to give a talk** – at least 35 showed up for main talk. Lunch was well attended too (20 people)
 - Lot of discussion during lunch and even more during mechanism discussion

What would you do differently, in retrospect? – Prepare better for traffic, be aware of the events at the university and in town (i.e. parking lot was full due to opening day). Some questions raised during lunch about how to apply some of his methodology became clearer during the talk.

Overview for upcoming events

April – Katie

- **myIDP** 21 people signed up. Lunch will be pizza. Update: 12 people attended, overall the event was well received.
- **lab Olympics** No signees yet, more advertisement might help. The event is open to everyone in campus. Food & drink order will be made closer to the event. 5\$ entrance fee will cover the drinks that cannot be purchased with PDAC budget.

May – Scott

- **Career development event:** Potential speaker Josh Henkin, founder of STEM Career Services. Time for the event later in May. Topic: Applying to non-academic positions, how to negotiate, etc.

Month	Event		Social		Person-in-charge
Feb	abstract seminar/workshop	Feb 23rd	Board games – 2/13	After Feb 25	Ozge
March	David Stern	last week of March	22 nd / 23 rd March	Happy hr	Saumil
April	IDP	April 12	Lab Olympics	April 27	Katie
May	Negotiating 101		Happy hour (maybe video game event or bowling)		Scott

Pins: Total 17 pins were sold.

Video (Ali): videos highlighting a postdoc work will be up soon on website. Katie has sent out the list from 3-minute speech competition. We might need more suggestions for later, or if no one in the list accepts to participate.

PDAC elections: Saumil will send out notice next week. A brief overview was given to the members that were present at the meeting.

NPA meeting: overview form OPS point of view – More postdocs attended this year's meeting, which is a good sign. There was a survey conducted by NPA, if we need tailored results from this survey (not everything was made public) they are happy to provide it. Other institutions see similar issues (See below for PDAC specific details)

NPA meeting: overview from PDAC point of view –Other postdoctoral advisory committees are having same issues, and the steps taken by UMB PDAC is in agreement with the recommended actions to solve these issues. For example, attendance from members is low or a committee member doesn't carry on with the expected duties. In Massachusetts, a non-profit organization is created from the PDAC committees in the area. They were quite active.

Budget: Jenn has submitted a budget for 2019, which includes expenses associated with PDAC events, NPA meeting sponsorship for 2 postdocs, and keynote speaker for the retreat. An updated budget for PDAC will be sent out to Jenn, including expenses for career interest groups.

Meeting with Dudley might be a good idea to summarize what had been done past year.

Next Coffee Hour is at Biopark 309, April 19th 2pm.

Next Orientation is April 30th.

Ideas for retreat:

- 'The Professor is in' author, Karen Kelsky, Ph.D.
- Paula Stevens, Ph.D.

Career interest Groups: group leaders come up with an event – PDAC/ OPS supports with funds/ logistics. Internship program for postdocs: we have to be careful with the visa requirements (not all visa types are allowed to participate in these activities).