

Postdoctoral Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda: Discuss about the transition to the new eboard, shuttle committee and monthly event progress

Attendees:

PDAC executive board:

Scott Baliban, Saumil Sethna, Katrina Williams and Archana Gopalakrishnan

PDAC new executive board:

Joanna Cooper, Aditya Jhagharia

Members at Large:

Koyel Ghosal, Rachel Abbotts, Mohammed Abdullah, Fahimeh Mirakhori,

Office of Postdoctoral affairs members:

Renee Cockerham and Jennifer Aumiller

Excused absence:

Ankit Dwivedi and Mario Scarpa

Agenda discussed:

Saumil and Scott presided over the entire meeting, explaining some of the transition to the new board members.

1. March:

Career event: Scott- Talk on Science Policy by Lyric Jorgensen- 47 registrants, 35 attended. Was well received and attended.

Food was ordered from *Ekiben* and was enjoyed by all (Expensive- cost about 500\$)

Social event: this was a joint social event with Hopkins on March 15th- (celebrating St. Patrick's Day), at Mick O'Shea. Approximately 35 attended.

2. April:

Career event: Saumil has scheduled with Debra Matthews from Hopkins School of Public Policy to deliver a short talk on the legal ramifications of CRISPR technology. An honorarium of 300\$ would be provided for the speaker (Note: Excess funds remaining as the fiscal year comes to an end). Sufficient funds remaining as end of fiscal year approaches, so can possibly plan for a big lunch

Social event: Joanna is organizing it as Frank & Nick's on April 25th (same day as career event).

3. May:

Career event- Archana has volunteered to come up with a speaker

Social event: Saumil and Scott will most likely organize a grand happy hour, considering it might be their last organizing event. Another joint happy hour with JHPDA is considered.

4. New E-board elected:

President: Joanna Cooper
Vice President: Ankit Dwivedi
Treasurer: Aditya Jhagharia
Secretary: Archana Gopalakrishnan

More than 87 people voted for the election in 2019 (compared to 41 in 2018). Suggestions to update PDAC online presence- especially with pictures of the new board and ensure public availability of minutes.

Caution to new board members: while organizing happy hours and career events (with local speakers)- ensure no Orioles games is ongoing- tends to get the sports bars packed and create traffic related issues for speakers.

5. Budget and Financial planning:

PDAC does not have a physical bank account- Usually at the start of every fiscal year- PDAC board submits a proposed budget to the Dean's office and an amount is generally approved for- The treasurer has access to use a card to order whatever is necessary (food for career events, coffee/cookie hour, happy hour socials) that stays within that budget. As of April- PDAC has 1787/- remaining in funds. After funding for happy hours, lunch for April and May career events and coffee/cookie hour for April and May, PDAC might have close to 800/- remaining in funds
Thoughts on how to use this:

- Honorarium if needed for the May event speaker. Note here: If a federal employee is being invited as a speaker, we cannot pay them an honorarium.
- Order lunch from an expensive place for April and May career events
- Jen's suggestion- purchase gifts for postdocs for the retreat- as there might be some competition for departmental fundraising this year for retreat.

NOTE: Whatever is finalized, the money needs to be spent by end of June and a new budget requires to be submitted by early May- this would include a section on how the remaining funds (1787/-) will be spent by June end.

6. Retreat funding and honorarium for keynote:

- Jen and Renee advise to stay between 4000-5000/- as the potential honorarium fee for a keynote speaker. Note this would potentially involve travel and stay.
- Funding for other events and food for retreat requires fundraising from PDAC and this might change based on how much each Department/ Institute is able to donate each year.

7. UMB shuttle committee:

PDAC is trying to get involved in the shuttle committee to ensure that voices of postdoc community who utilize this service is also heard. April 11th is the next meeting for shuttle committee and one of the new board members (most likely

Joanna) would attend with Saumil and Scott. Several questions about the continuation of the shuttle have been raised that the PDAC members will attempt to get answers to and confirm if these can be made public to the postdoc community. This meeting is now scheduled for the second Thursday of every month from 12-1pm. Location-need to confirm.

8. NPA meeting:

Scott and Saumil will be traveling with Jen and Renee to the annual NPA meeting in Orlando, Florida (April12-14 2019). Questions for the new board to think upon-

- Could PDAC present a poster/talk at the next 2020 annual meeting and if so- should we do this on our own or collaborate with another University- perhaps JHPDA?