

Postdoctoral Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda: To finalize the 2018 postdoctoral retreat agenda

Attendees:

PDAC executive board:

Saumil Sethna, Scott Baliban, Katrina Williams and Archana Gopalakrishnan

Members at Large:

Rachel, Victoria, Mario, Taryn, Bek, Monet

Office of Postdoctoral affairs members:

Jennifer Aumiller and Renee Cockerham

Agenda discussed:

Saumil and Scott presided over the entire meeting, reporting past events and discussing in detail about the retreat.

1. June events: (Scott)

Happy hour: New location (LB Skybar)-lots of new postdocs attended, was a success.

2. July events: (Saumil)

Interviewing workshop: Scheduled for 26th July, have some registered.

Social: Sunday July 15th, World Cup final viewing- ice cream social planned

3. August events:

Atypical career path: Katrina has a few speakers to invite, considering Ramzi Khairallah - CEO of Myologica (CRO)- discuss career path through grad school- postdoc-now the CEO of a small company.

4. Fund raising for retreat:

Saumil and Scott have contacted several departments. No response from BioPark. Kevin Cullen from Greenebaum Cancer Center has donated \$500/-
Need to contact vendors from Bioresco and other departments from School of Pharmacy and Dental School.

Another suggestion: Can we get coupons from different food business? To give as either freebies/prize at the retreat.

5. Round tables:

Jennifer and Archana will meet to come with a list of names from different categories and begin contacting people. But date needs to be finalized for this.

6. 1-on-1 mentoring:

This event is to be scrapped dues to lack of enthusiastic audience last year and not sure of the best way to improve this session.

NEW IDEA: Jennifer's idea on having a "Post doc Alumni Panel Discussion" call it: "**How to get out of your postdoc**". Rachel and Taryn will take lead on this with Jennifer's assistance to contact UMaryland postdoc alumni to come to the retreat for a panel discussion about their career path following their postdoc at UMaryland.

7. Keynote speaker:

Doudna, Zhang, George Church, Cori Bargmann have been contacted and declined.

Waiting to hear from Ed Young, else David Liu will be contacted next.

8. CV/Resume workshop:

Jennifer and Renee will take a lead on this session, to have it as an 1hr session during retreat. Will be good to have two more people, preferably from industry. Jennifer will contact Brad Fackler and will have to come up with one another contact.

Consideration: staffing agency- e.g. Aerotek or Josh Henkin of Stem Career Services: but they are very expensive and may request for a whole day workshop.

9. Lunch catering:

Katrina will take a lead on finding catering services.

10. October event (post retreat):

Archana has volunteered, but Renee also suggested to check with Career Services group if they will have any event to plan then.