

## Postdoctoral Advisory Committee Meeting

**Agenda:** To get updates on the progress of the different teams for the September retreat.

**Attendees:**

**PDAC executive board:**

Saumil Sethna, Scott Baliban and Archana Gopalakrishnan

**Members at Large:**

Mario, Taryn, Khoyel

**Office of Postdoctoral affairs members:**

Jennifer Aumiller, Renee Cockerham and Alexandra Squires

**Excused absence:** Katrina Williams

**Agenda discussed:**

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

**1. July events: (Saumil)**

**Interviewing workshop:** 35 had registered, but 20 showed up. However, having this session in HSFIII was not ideal. Room was noisy and had over heating issues.

**Social:** Ice cream social went very well, several people showed up, ran out of ice cream, Lots of new faces also came for the viewing of the World Cup final.

**2. August events:**

**Atypical career path:** Katrina has invited Ramzi Khairallah - CEO of Myologica (CRO)- to discuss career path through grad school-postdoc-now the CEO of a small company, this is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Social:** At Abbey burger- was fun and around 15 people turned up. Considering it was in Fells Point, the low attendance was not surprising.

**3. Fund raising for retreat:**

So far 3100/- has been collected, expecting somewhere near to 1000/- from the Graduate school. EdgeBio and Stellar Scientific might also contribute, waiting to hear back from them.

If we are able to get more money than required for the event, perhaps order some postdoc souvenirs for the retreat:

Ideas that floated from Taryn and Archana included: Portable wall charger, portable power bank, USB drive? Taryn and Archana will look into this more and figure out how much this would cost (We need to use the logo and UMSOM PDAC engraving on these items).

**4. Round tables:**

We have 6 confirmed speakers. Areas covered include: Industry, Business Development, Science Liaison, Outreach and Publishing, Regulatory Affairs and Communication, Equity Research. Archana will contact two more speakers, from

Policy/Advocacy and Teaching/Academia. Note: One of the speakers has volunteered to be a part of the CV/Resume workshop.

**5. CV/Resume workshop:**

As of now, we have **four** confirmed “consulting experts” for this session.

Jennifer, Renee and two of the speakers from the Career Round tables (backgrounds in Pharma industry and Equity Research/Data Analytics). Short session of 10mins, 1 hr total- max of 6 people per expert.

Scott has already sent an email to Aerotek. Jennifer is waiting to hear from Brad Fackler at the Dept of Commerce, Saumil and Scott have a few backups: CEO of Paragon and/or Fina Biosolutions. Jennifer may also contact Jason Aungst from FDA for someone with background in Govt careers.

**6. 1-on-1 mentoring now is Wellness Hub -Budget management seminar:**

Everyone on board to not have this session for the retreat. We will instead have an interactive seminar during the CV breakout session from the Wellness Hub: Taryn suggested that we can have the seminar centered around: Budget management”. Renee will contact the Wellness Hub (part of UMB) for more info. This interactive seminar would happen in Leadership Hall at the same time as the CV/Resume session

**7. Post doc Alumni Panel Discussion:**

Taryn has sent emails to 7 postdoc alumni and has one confirmed (Miriam). This will be a panel discussion with UMB postdoc alumni who have moved out and can give an account of how they got out of their post docs.

**8. Keynote speaker:**

Ed Yong has confirmed. He is a writer for the Atlantic. We expect him to talk about the why and how of story-telling.

**9. Lunch catering:**

Katrina was not available to give an update on this

**10. October event (post retreat):**

Archana will look into this.

Briefly, the events organized by the OPS for the Postdoc appreciation month (September), was discussed. Suggestion to have a Trivia event, probably at a bar, or a poker game social with drinks was discussed. These could be extra events for the month of September, or we can have them for other months (as social mixer events).