

September 2015

Council attendees	Member attendees
Stefan Oehlers Andrey Massarsky Laura Kubik Miaozhu Li Cindy Darnell Sriram Vijayraghavan Tony Parolari Jeff Wojton Nishad Jayasundara	Angel Morrow Emily O’Koren

In attendance: Molly Starback

Apologies: Chintan Oza

Agenda

Standing committee reports

Communications

Agreed to archive meeting minutes on the dukepostdocs.org website.

Diversity, outreach and international

Postdocumentary - Saturday, Oct 10th, 9:30am-1:00pm

Got 6 volunteers for being interview subjects, only need 4

Project is a collaboration with BOOST, BOOST provides contacts with 6th-8th graders and matches older school-aged mentors from previous BOOST programs

Volunteers needed on the day

Interviewees and volunteers will need to go through background check and complete online course

Video will be linked to text blog with more detailed interview – Duke Communications Office to help with web hosting

Students will be competing for highest video views

Policy

Peer mentorship groups – Start Sept 3-24

4 groups – women in science, professional development opportunities, two body and work-life balance, and alternative careers

2 leaders per group

No set plans or cost to DUPA for meetings at this stage

Professional Development

Chintan away – emailed report

Advanced Professional Degree Consulting Club

A new board just got elected. I reached out to the outgoing President to discuss postdoc participation. I will be attending their first board meeting (TBA) to discuss potential events that we can co-host. The event that I had in mind is “Life Sciences Consulting for Postdocs / PhDs” and my proposed plan is to invite ~ 3 consultants from the Triangle region who transitioned from PhD / Postdoc to life sciences consulting. I will update after the board meeting.

NIEHS

I reached out to Tammy Collins few days ago to follow-up on co-hosting the Translational Science Boot Camp this Fall. I have not heard back from her.

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Other affairs

- Check with Molly if she needs my help in coordinating any academic / non-academic professional development events throughout the semester.
- If I must vote, I am inclined to vote in favor to join the initiative for increasing postdoc base pay.

Social

August happy hour report: Bull McCabes changed reservation too many times, ran an on campus happy hour instead. \$197 spend, 55-60 total attendees with a maximum of 45.

DUPA elevator pitch competition/ BBQ (Friday September 18th)

Use remaining supplies from July and August socials (soda, water, beer, plates etc)

Judges (Stefan)

Gift basket purchasing: Stefan to collect card from Will early next week

BBQ supplies: need to purchase additional charcoal and beer

Triangle Postdoc Associations

Postdoc appreciation week events: public talk schedule set before DUPA elevator pitch competition so finalists will not be nominated through.

Kickball: no update

New business

Pratt School Socials

Eric Perim Martins: no show

Microparty

Fullsteam pub quiz on September 24th approved by vote

Start bar tab at 8pm, quiz at 9pm. Will to use P-card and get Mark Mathison to split cost allocation between DUPA and OPS.

"US Postdocs United for Over Time Pay Regulation" initiative

For/against adding DUPA to Boston PDA letter

Initial vote 4 against, 7 for, 1 abstain

Discussion led to Tony (Policy Chair) and Stefan writing a letter to the postdoc community explaining the Department of Labor proposed regulation.

Revote on adding DUPA to Boston PDA letter: For 0, against 4, abstain 8