

October 2015

Council attendees	Member attendees
Stefan Oehlers Andrey Massarsky Nishad Jayasundara Sriram Vijayraghavan William Huhn Tony Parolari	Bene Bachelot

Apologies: Chintan Oza, Cindy Darnell, Jeff Wojton

Agenda

Standing committee reports

Communications

Jeff away

Diversity, outreach and international

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

Postponed until next month, either 7th or 14th

Of the 8 kids signed up, only 4 are still on the "roster". Of those 4, 2 are still only probably. Language barrier with parents has made coordination difficult. Going to try a different group of students without BOOST involvement since ongoing BOOST programs have contributed to misunderstandings.

Policy

Peer mentorship groups

First meetings went badly. 2 groups had zero attendees, 1 groups had 1 additional attendee and the last had additional 3 attendees who were all DUPA committee members.

Next round will be more heavily advertised by postdocs@duke mass email and direct emails to people who had signed up via the poll earlier in the year.

One group (women in science) is very similar to a GWIS meeting. This group will be replaced by a P2P mentoring group coordinated by Nishad with the P2P sign up list.

Professional Development

Chintan away

Social

September happy hour/BBQ and Sri's microparty report

BBQ flopped, 25-30 attendees, enough supplies for another on-campus happy hour.

Microparty had 12-15 attendees, pretty good considering multiple other events on that night.

Thursday Fullsteam pubquiz will return as a regular social event.

October event

Pumpkin carving out in Duke Forest, 31st and 24th October are first choices for a Saturday day-evening event

Hurricanes group booking contact. College Nights: Nov 12, Dec 3 & 21, Jan 12, Feb 23, Mar 22
Stefan to forward details to Will

Triangle Postdoc Associations

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Postdoc appreciation week events report

No one from committee attended potluck dinners

Stefan and Will to contact Triangle area PDAs for kickball and pumpkin carving social updates

New business

Elevator pitch competition report

Low turnout but high interest in continuing event. Future ideas: Partnering event with GPSC and/or graduate school to increase contestant numbers, Brian Malow – science comedian as an MC or performer to make the event more fun

Postdoctoberfest volunteers

OPS needs hands to man the t-shirt station etc this Friday from 3pm

3pm Andrey, Nishad and Bene

4pm Tony and Stefan

GWIS 'Moving beyond #distractinglysexy'

Tuesday Oct 20, 2015 at Duke University, Hudson Hall

GWIS primarily want help with advertising and pulling in people to attend

Stefan to get details onto website via Pooja and out by email via Jeff

Health insurance audit

Dependent documents such as birth certificates might be hard for international postdocs to get in the 1 month time limit

Nishad to email postdoc group to find out how many are caught out without correct documentation and investigate contacts at visa services or HR managers who could help with extensions