DUPA Meeting 09/01/2021

\*International

Open position, there were a lot of responses. Decided to make a committee instead of having 2 chairs. This will help with workload and better represent international postdocs. Aty Ghazavi, Weijija Su, Dilmini Prasadi Wijesinghe, Thomas Pomberger.

Voted confirmation for Aty and Weijia (have attended enough meetings), need to do Thomas and Dilmini next meeting.

Aty presenting:

Postdoc Buddy Program

337 total signups since May 19, 2020

Most wanted to be contacted 1/week

Going to send out a followup survey for feedback from current buddies

Prepared a list of suggested activities, including campus tours by duke ambassadors

Also updating current buddy survey to better match buddies (by interests, field of study, etc)

Photo contest for current buddies to encourage activities together

Immigration and Visa Seminar held in Sept, confirming with law firm

Fall intramural legue: soccer team, ultimate frisbee, any others???

Ultimate team is full

\*Professional Development

Practice job talks. Hiring season is just starting but whenever people are ready

Most people with job talks last season got their top pick job!

Schedule 2 weeks out from interview date. Likely virtual

Postdoc symposium: for postdocs to talk about their research or something. Likely in person. Marhiah wants to go! Can try a hybrid model this fall with Marhiah as guinea pig

Writing program: pair 19 people. If anyone in the program has feedback, then let Susanna know!

\*Social

Hosting a few events, 1 virtual and 1 in person

Lemur center tours, 2 time spots completely full and has awaitlist

Virtual event with other postdocs at UNC and NCSU for national postdoc appreciation week. 9/23 6:30-8:30. Ice breakers and virtual game (Among Us!)

Any other ideas then let them know!

\*Service

Lots of people are hurting so there’s a diaper wrapping event 9/10

Hub Farm 9/23

Food Bank 10/2

Donation walk for childhood tumors 10/2

A lot of these would be great to have a small DUPA group

Jacques looking into helping Afgan refugees

need someone to replace Lauren

Cameron is working on Our Wild Neighbors, animal rehabilitation clinic to feed baby squirrels

Weekdays 7AM to 10AM 11AM to 3PM

From Susanna on chat “The Cell Bio Diversity & Inclusion Committee is collecting new and gently used books for Prison Books Collective (PBC) if any postdocs from other departments would like to contribute.”

\*Outreach

Durham Tech Event career panel, postdocs talk about career path and research. If interested, then reach out to Claudia. \*\*post on social media\*\*

Science Day/Research showcase. Doing this virtually, open to anyone. Also reachout to Claudia

Podcast idea: need a host and need editor. Reach out to Claudia.

Junior Achievement of NC, taking videos of people talking about their careers to share to kids in NC. Related, might be of interest.

\*Diversity

Received more feedback from other postdocs, revised and will send out a new one

Need a chair

Whine and Cheese awesome

Pushed not so much, for health disparities

No questions or comments at the end of the meeting.

21 participants

Miranda

Cameron

Jacques

Marhiah

Ali Roghani

Atefeh

Briana Simms

Claudia

Clayton Bingham

Corinne Haines

Cyrus Eierud

Dilmini

Elmira Taghi Zaheh

Katie Collins

Lauren

Leanna

Luke Parsons

Narayan Dahal

Susanna

Weijia

Yutian