

U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 PM on February 3, 2017

HSEB 5100A

Attendance: Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Suvendu Biswas (College of Pharmacy), Chris Tracy (CVRTI), Heather Clifton (VA), Lars Laurentius (Nano Institute), Emilio Cortes Sanchez (Medicinal Chemistry, Skaggs), Jennifer Nichols (Orthopedics), Erin Young (Huntsman Cancer Institute), Gaelle Batot (Biochemistry), and Malini Rajan (Molecular Medicine).

Absences: Daniel Mendoza (Atmospheric Sciences/GCSC), Indranil Basak (Molecular Medicine), and Seema Bhatlekar (Molecular Medicine).

Agenda

- 12:00 pm Board member introduction
- 12:05 pm Voting to expand UPDA board [10 min]
- *Approved for the following new members:
Malini Rajan (Molecular Medicine) and Emilio Cortes Sanchez (Medicinal Chemistry, Skaggs).*
- 12:08 pm Approve minutes from last meeting [5 min]
- *Approved with minor corrections.*
- 12:10 pm Winter social recap - Future of social event [10 min]
- *The turnout was very moderate in part due to the snowstorm that day, but for next year we will try a different event such as bowling.*
- *What other events can we host that would generate more interest?
We could potentially facilitate an informal meet-up group that can decide what they want to do, instead of us hosting a larger event.*
- 12:25 pm Website update [20 min]
- *We are in the process of modernizing our website and update/expand on the content.*
- *We would like to have a photo contest among postdocs to get photos for our new website. We need to establish guidelines and distribute waivers. We can have submissions sent to our email address and then use a social media platform or our website to hold the contest.*
- *We will create a sub-committee to deal with the contest.*
- *Change the website home page tabs to home/about/events/news/FAQ/contact*
- *Home page: keep it simple (who we are, get involved, and lunch & learn)*
- *About: UPDA board and its members*
- *Event: both past and current events. Include link for event registrations.*
- *FAQ: extensive lists of possible questions arising for postdocs*

- *Contact: email, social media, board meeting schedule, and feedback/comments.*
- *Is there a way to enter an email address on our website, so it will be automatically added to the email server?*
- *For now, we will move the old website content to the new website and then we will collectively work on the updates.*

12:45 pm Additional Points of Discussion [15 min]

- *Do we need to address the recent executive order banning citizens from 7 countries to enter the USA?*
- *The International Center is already distributing emails and hosting information sessions, so we do not need to address this.*

- *The next lunch & learn is on February 21, 2017 at 12pm on "presentation styles".*

1:00 pm Summary of Assigned Tasks & End of Meeting

Next Meeting: 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Fri. March 10, in HSEB 5100A
Documents Sent: Agenda, Minutes from January Meeting