

## U of U Postdoctoral Association Board Meeting

12:00 - 1:00 PM on May 5th, 2017

HSEB 5100A

Attendance: Natalia Torres (CVRTI), Marta Szulik (CVRTI), Jennifer Nichols (Orthopedics), Heather Clifton (VA), Chris Tracy (CVRTI), Gaelle Batot (Biochemistry), Seema Bhatlekar (Molecular Medicine), Indrani Basak (Molecular Medicine), Jennifer Mabey (Graduate School), Emilio Cortes Sanchez (Medicinal Chemistry, Skaggs), Suvendu Biswas (College of Pharmacy),

**Absences:** Malini Rajan (Molecular Medicine) and Lars Laurentius (Nano Institute), Erin Young (Huntsman Cancer Institute), Daniel Mendoza.

12:00 pm Approve minutes from last meeting [5 min].  
Minutes approved.

12:05 pm National Postdoctoral Association Annual Meeting recap [20 min]  
Jennifer and Marta did a good recap. Here are some highlighted points:

Jennifer

- She contacted Peter Fiske to come to campus to present, hopefully during the week of Postdoc Appreciation Week. If he is not available then, any other time would work.
- There will be a postdoc slam in the summer, the winner could be invited to speak during postdoc association week.

Marta

She attended to different sessions, among them, one about opportunities for Postdocs/ PhD (consulting/sales/professional development).

Concerning consulting, it would be interesting to organize a lunch and learn on the subject.

12:25 pm Website Photo Contest [10 min].

Finalize rules, schedule and assign responsibilities.

**Action: Jennifer Nichols will send the mail by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of May since she will be the reference contact.**

The competition is opened as soon as people get the email, it is limited to 5 pictures by submitter, each submitter can get only one price.

Prices: 3 top pictures get \$50 amazon gift card.

The winners will be announced the 14<sup>th</sup> of July at the BBQ.

People must submit by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

The 16<sup>th</sup>, few people from the board will meet to check that pictures are eligible prior to uploading them on Facebook for vote. We will see at next meeting who is available and at what time.

People have time between June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> to vote.

**Action: Heather, come up with an additional question by Monday to include everyday postdoc life.**

12:35 pm Website revision [10 min].

**Action: the website, looks better we need to improve the details. Everybody go through the website and come up with suggestions by next meeting.**

Work on name of sections, and organization.

How do we want to organize the past events?

Remove number of board members limit.

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

- Lunch networking event new date: 7<sup>th</sup> of June on upper campus (HSEB) at noon but people should have already their food.  
There is no microwave available.

Action: Seema work with Erin to advertise.

- 2017 Postdoc Appreciation Day update

Atrium for posters in HSEB booked, we are on the waiting list to get a room for a keynote presentation.

If Peter Fiske does not respond, Vivian Lee cannot be the speaker, do we have any suggestions?

- UPDA banner update

Jennifer Mabey is taking care of that, we should have it by next month.

- Mission statement revision

If you have any comments or suggestion to improve, go back to Natalia.

We don't have direct association with NPA, changes were made accordingly.

- Lunch & Learn update
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> HSEB 2680  
Setting Goals & Managing Priorities - Tony Tsai, Director of Education Strategies from Vice Dean's Office of Education will lead this session.  
RSVP
  - June 22 HSEB 2600 - International Postdocs L&L from 11.45 to 2 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

12:00 - 1:00 PM on Friday, June 2nd, in HSEB5100A