Postdoctoral Association Meeting Minutes
College of Veterinary Medicine Research Bldg, Room 101
09-10-2014, 12-1 pm

In attendance:
Megan Andrews, Ph.D. (President-Elect)
Pandiyarajan Chinnayan Kannan, Ph.D. (Secretary)
Alexander Franke, Ph.D. (International Officer)
Emily Griffiths, Ph.D. (Director of Communication)
Ashley Johnson, Ph.D. (College of Veterinary Medicine Representative)
Ying Liu, Ph.D. (College of Engineering Representative)
Lorenzo Concia, Ph.D.
Sarah Ehling, Ph.D.
Keena Mullen, Ph.D.
Barry Pemberton, Ph.D.
Warren Sconiers, Ph.D.
Nisha Cavanaugh, Ph.D. (Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs)

NCSU Library services (Dr. Mohan Ramaswamy):

- Postdocs have access to Faculty Research Commons in Hunt Library
  - a. Use your Unity ID card to access the facility
  - b. Lounge area, read, eat, drink. Vending machines available
  - c. Many individual/group study rooms, reserve online
  - d. If your card does not work, contact Mohan/Nisha
- Research workshops/organize/ present-more from Get Help from NCSU library website
- Databases – many library subscription
- Trip Saver- used for the journals/papers that are not already available through NCSU Libraries

Announcements from Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (Nisha):

- Professional Development Awards for Postdocs: winners have been selected and will be announced at Award Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 25 (4 pm, Hunt Library, 2nd floor Duke Energy Hall)
- OPA workshops started last week
- Next workshop on networking scheduled for Tues. Sept. 30 (register at go.ncsu.edu/pflevents)
- New workshop series on pre-award and post-award funding processes scheduled for late Oct.

Updates from Social Committee (Barry, Ashley, & Emily):

- Social events are going okay; would be nice to have more postdocs show up
- Propose random happy hour; not only on Fridays
- Lunch time with postdocs; Mission Valley seems to be nice place
Updates from Diversity Committee (Warren):

- Diversity Committee has met with several groups under the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity (OIED) on campus, representing African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, women, GLBT, etc.
- Warren has met with undergraduates and graduate students to talk about his experience in graduate school and as a postdoc
- Developing a survey to ask postdocs about how they feel about diversity at NC State University

Updates from International Committee (Alex):

- Working with Office of International Services (OIS) to develop checklist for incoming international postdocs to help them get better-acquainted with the University, Raleigh, etc.
- Continue to introduce new international postdocs to community through postdoc listserv

Events for National Postdoc Appreciation Week (Megan & Nisha):

- Sept. 15 & 16: Six speakers are presenting at the Nature Research Center
  - Support the speakers- research talks geared to a general audience
  - Street metered parking and parking deck are available
- Sept. 20: Picnic at University Club
- Sept. 25: Award Ceremony & Ice Cream Social
  - Need volunteers to help organize trivia and help set up; please contact Nisha at nacavana@ncsu.edu
Faculty Research Commons:
Located on the top floor of the Hunt Library, the Faculty Research Commons is an exclusive, faculty-only space that offers attractive and comfortable furnishings, a quiet atmosphere, and the opportunity to cross paths with faculty colleagues in all disciplines. Key features include:

- a conference room with videoconferencing and dual flat-panel displays
- lounge seating with a view of Centennial Campus’s Academic Oval
- eight technology-equipped workrooms, with whiteboards; flat-panel display; thin-client computer; web-based video conferencing; laptop, power, and auxiliary connections; speakers; and touchpad controller
- five focus rooms for 1-2 people
- lockers and a small kitchen

Reserve rooms online at: www.lib.ncsu.edu/huntlibrary/reservearoom

5th Floor
Research Support
Subject specialist librarians in all disciplines are available to support your research needs and answer questions.
Meet your subject specialist librarian:
www.lib.ncsu.edu/staff/subjectspecialists/
You may also request a research consultation. Your request will be forwarded to the appropriate subject specialist:
www.lib.ncsu.edu/researchconsultation

Instruction
Do your students need help with formulating research strategies or locating information resources and datasets? Librarians can provide instruction in person or online, and they can assist in locating or developing course- and curriculum-oriented learning tools for students to use independently.
www.lib.ncsu.edu/staff/subjectspecialists/

Orientation and Advisory Services
We encourage new faculty members to request a personalized library orientation session. Please contact your subject specialist librarian to set up an appointment.

Course Reserves
Books may be placed on reserve at the library to ensure that course reading material is available for your students. To place an item on reserve, please contact:
- For Main Campus-based courses (D.H. Hill Library): library_reserves@ncsu.edu
- For Centennial Campus-based courses (Hunt Library): Stefanie Peterson, seketo@ncsu.edu
- College of Natural Resources and Department of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences (Natural Resources Library): Ashley McCraney, ajmccran@ncsu.edu
- College of Design (Design Library): Sharon Silcox, sharon_silcox@ncsu.edu
- College of Veterinary Medicine (Veterinary Medicine Library): www.lib.ncsu.edu/vetmed/services/reserves#dvm

The Faculty Research Commons at the Hunt Library
NCSU LIBRARIES
Library Services for Faculty

Collections
Your librarians work closely with faculty and students to develop strong collections supporting research and teaching. Please contact them to suggest new books, journals, DVDs, datasets and other items to add to your Libraries' collections.

Tripsaver
For materials not owned by the NCSU Libraries, free interlibrary loan is available through Tripsaver (www.lib.ncsu.edu/tripsaver). Articles are delivered online, usually within two business days. Books within the Triangle Research Libraries Network (UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, and NCCU) can be physically delivered within two business days, and NCSU faculty and students can also visit and borrow materials directly from those institutions.

Research assistance
Librarians are available to support your research needs and answer questions. Contact them for one-on-one assistance with literature searching, citation management, data management, or finding information.

Subject Specialist Librarians
The library has subject specialist librarians who have experience in searching for resources and information in your field of research. They provide research and instruction support for you and your students. You can request a consultation or instruction session by contacting them directly (www.lib.ncsu.edu/staff/subjectspecialists).

Research data services
We can provide assistance with data management planning, data discovery and description, data sharing, and data preservation. Contact us at library_datamanagement@ncsu.edu to set up a consultation or request a workshop.

Training and instructional support
Do your students need help formulating research strategies or locating needed information? Librarians can provide in-person or online instruction and can assist in developing learning tools for students to use independently (www.lib.ncsu.edu/faculty).

Research workshops are offered on a regular basis covering topics from literature review research to navigating subject specific databases (www.lib.ncsu.edu/researchworkshops).

Technology lending
The library lends you and your students electronic devices, including laptops, digital cameras, camcorders, digital voice recorders, graphing calculators, recreational grade GPS units, and iPads (www.lib.ncsu.edu/techlending).
Spaces
The NCSU Libraries offers a variety of learning spaces in five libraries:

D. H. Hill Library
www.lib.ncsu.edu/about/dhhill

James B. Hunt Jr. Library
www.lib.ncsu.edu/about/hunt

Design Library
www.lib.ncsu.edu/about/design

Natural Resources Library
www.lib.ncsu.edu/about/nrl

Veterinary Medicine Library
www.lib.ncsu.edu/about/vetmed

Tours are available: www.lib.ncsu.edu/visit

Specialized spaces include:
Teaching and Visualization Lab
www.lib.ncsu.edu/spaces/teaching-and-viz

Creativity Studio
www.lib.ncsu.edu/spaces/creativity-studio

Digital Media Lab
www.lib.ncsu.edu/digital-media-lab

Technology Sandbox
www.lib.ncsu.edu/technologysandbox

Hunt Library spaces
www.lib.ncsu.edu/huntlibrary/explorespaces

Faculty-only spaces include:
www.lib.ncsu.edu/studyrooms/faculty

At Hill:
Faculty Research Study Rooms (assigned per term)

At Hunt:
Faculty Research Commons
Faculty Workrooms and Focus Rooms ( reservable)
Faculty Conference Rooms ( reservable)