PDA Meeting
March 24, 2016
DH Hill Visualization Lab

In attendance
Laura Demarse (OPA Director)
Megan Andrews (President)
Brett Lehman (President Elect)
Kate McCusker (Social Committee)
Karl Pazdernik (College rep)
Andrew Arnold
Jeremy Heath (Social Committee)
Mohan Ramaswamy (NCSU Libraries)
Madhain Kaumahu
Qijin Huuang
Madalene Sorger

Meeting Items
I. Introduction to DH Hill’s Visualization Lab by Mohan Ramaswamy (mohan_ramaswamy@ncsu.edu), Associate Head for Research and Graduate Services, NCSU Libraries.
   A. The Visualization Lab is a resource to visually display spatial data (https://www.lib.ncsu.edu/spaces/visualization-studio)
   B. There is one visualization lab located in DH Hill, and one in Hunt Library
      1. DH Hill - 360 degree visualization, 12 screens
      2. Hunt Library - 270 degree visualization
   C. GIS Data Visualizaton
   D. Can be used for poster sessions with up to 12 posters
   E. Reserve a room
II. 2016 Postdoctoral Research Symposium
   A. Keynote Speakers
      1. Chris Oldhaum - Postdoc and
      2. Second speaker is still pending
   B. Schedule for the day
      1. Shortened from previous years (10AM - 2PM)
   C. Call for Posters
      1. Proposal Form
      2. Submission Deadline:Friday, April 15th
   D. Attendance and
III. PDA Leadership Team
   A. Many of those in leadership positions have left
      1. Recruitment needed to fill the leadership positions
   B. More postdocs to join the Social Committee
C. Decline in participation with lack of director

D. Committee Restructuring
   1. What is the best use of our resources?
   2. Diversity Committee has researched, and information is up on OPA website
   3. Maintain Committees but have them as inactive until needed or desire
   4. Potentially combine International Committee and Diversity Committee
   5. New Committee: Family Committee
   6. College representatives
      a) In the past their role has been to connect with postdocs in the college
      b) Local point of contact for incoming postdocs
      c) Need to develop a more formalized description of this role

E. Other needs
   1. Developing an OPA Handbook
   2. Fair Labor Laws
      a) Need for strong presence of a PDA
   3. Increase connection with postdocs around the Triangle