

PDA Meeting 9/20/16, 9-10:30AM, 353 Daniels

In attendance:

Melissa Babilonia-Rosa
Nicole Ditillo (Graduate Assistant)
Laura Demarse (Assistant Dean for Professional Development)
Ashley Elias (Communications, Diversity)
Alexander Franke
Serina Mazzoni-Putman (Secretary)
Ahmed Mohamed
Karl Pazdernik (President elect)
Doris Sande (President)
Deborah Soares

Postdoc appreciation week:

- First edition of *Verve* published
- Museum talks and potluck later this week

James Wilde lunch re-cap: NC State Grad who now works for the New Zealand government as head of agribusiness. He splits time between NYC and New Zealand and spoke with graduate students and postdocs about opportunities in New Zealand and shared a bit of his career path and how he transitioned from science to business.

- Ideas for continued interaction with James Wilde: maybe an agribusiness postdoc? (NZ funding source for an NC State postdoc to work with a NZ partner)

Implementation of the FLSA:

- Guidelines from university?
- What counts as work?
- How will the overtime/comp time system work?

Postdoc professional development awards will be announced soon. Hope to change the award going forward to be able to fund conference attendance/presentations.

Laura's office: Looking for help with presentations in the graduate office (NSF fellowship applications, writing for a lay audience, etc.).

Diversity committee idea: Monthly happy hours with themes/restaurant from different countries/cultures.

Next meeting: October 17th, 9-10:30 (Centennial campus).

- Counseling center rep will talk about stress management.
- Discuss website update and resources.
- Email will be sent to postdocs one week before the meeting to get ideas about how to improve the website.