January PDA meeting  
January 18, 2017 @ 9:00AM  
Graduate School Conference Room

In attendance  
Karl Pazdernik  
Greer Arthur  
Ahmed Mohamed  
Mohammad-Amir Aghaee  
Catherine Zhang  
Jason Cramer  
Laura Demarse  
Nicole Ditillo

Agenda Items

● Jason Cramer  
  ○ Introduction  
  ○ The need to collect data from postdocs about their professional development needs  
    ■ Currently we have little to no data  
    ■ Incentivize with gift card

● PDA Leadership team update items  
  ○ Listserv across universities (Karl/Nicole)  
  ○ Burroughs Wellcome Fund (6pm, 1/19)

● OPA Updates/items (Laura/Nicole)  
  ○ Handbook Updates  
    ■ PDA welcome blurb and write-up  
    ■ Grievance Policy - First draft  
      ■ We should set up a separate meeting to agree upon the language  
  ○ New Postdoc Research Symposium Committee  
    ■ First meeting is next Wednesday, January 25th at 9AM

● Communications Update (Greer/Ashley)  
  ○ Website updates→ the website is arranged in a way that is more intuitive  
  ○ Facebook  
    ■ Make more use of Facebook for getting information out about social events  
    ■ Ahmed can put of more pictures of events  
  ○ Verve  
    ■ Second Issue is out for edit and will be ready shortly  
    ■ Always looking for more articles, and other postdocs to be interviewed for articles

● Diversity Committee Update (Catherine)
- Collaborate with Happy Hour to do a diversity dinner once a month
- Monthly lunch
- International Committee Update
- Social Committee Update
- Any other business?
- Do we have a speaker lined up for the Postdoc Research Symposium?
  - The last speaker we had (Stephen Markham), I had an agreement to contact him early Feb for his confirmation. So I have that on my calendar