

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)
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 - 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