

March PDA meeting
March 20, 2017 @ 9:00AM
Graduate School, Main Conference Room

In attendance

- Karl Pazdernik
- Ahmed Mohammed
- Catherine Zhang
- Jason Cramer
- Nicole Ditillo

Agenda Items

- PDA Leadership team update items
- OPA Updates/items (Laura/Nicole)
 - Update of Research Symposium progress
 - Updates on Executive Order
 - Local events and opportunities
 - Science March - April 22 (DC, Raleigh)
 - People's Climate March
 - Info to families→ [Citizen Science](#)
- Communications Update (Greer/Ashley)
 - Greer is working on the next issue of Verve. Keep your eyes peeled for that
 - Check out the video on Alex if you haven't done so already: [Thinking True video](#)
- Diversity Committee Update (Catherine)
 - Low turnout at the February Diversity lunch (3 people)--perhaps because it was on campus?
 - March Diversity lunch will be next week at Kabob & Curry on Hillsborough St.
 - RSVP may increase people's likelihood of attending
 - Catherine will send out more details
- International Committee Update
- Social Committee Update
- Any other business?
 - Jason→ There has been low turnout from postdocs at the recent professional development events. How can we get a better idea of what postdocs want in terms of professional development, and convince them that these workshops are a worthwhile endeavor
 - Need more data on what postdocs want in terms of professional development and events, but do not want to oversaturate with surveys
 - Survey postdocs at Research Symposium to get a representative sample
 - PDA needs to continue to recruit more members!