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!