

August 9, 2021 @ 3pm ET

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Agenda: Introductions (3:05-3:15), No treasury report today, Committee reports, End (4:00)

**Committee Updates:**

- a. Benefits Committee (presented by Diana): Updating postdoc policies (final review next friday) with a goal of changing costs for postdocs with families. Question about NIH pay scale and benefits for academic year 2021-2.
- b. Professional Development Committee: Plan to attend Thursday 8/12 11-12 Professional Development Meeting in Tomlinson Hall and online. Feedback from this committee will be utilized to plan the National Postdoc Appreciation Week in September.
- c. Public Relations Committee: Social media post ideas to promote PDA. Join CWRU PDA on LinkedIn. Overlap of this interest with professional development.
- d. Social Committee: Planning events for the National Postdoc Appreciation Week such as Cheese and Wine tasting, Happy Hour (Science and beer - on a monthly basis), a Game Night, a tour of Think[box] facility on campus, and/or a boxed lunch picnic.
- e. Women's Affairs: Setting a new meeting time, next Thursday 8/12 @ 4pm ET.
- f. Immigration and Visa Committee: Met on August 4th. A housing options and daycare centers list for international postdocs provided is being drafted on a google doc that will be shared with the group. Support email sent to postdocs about international travel during COVID-19. The committee is interested in the creation of a document helping new postdocs travel to Cleveland. Question about visa and travel options for postdocs and recent need to acquire an NIE (National Interest Emergency - for Covid related research but not only) approval to enter the US during COVID-19. Tips to international postdocs traveling: depending on the consulate, early morning appointments and continual checking of webpage and physical consulate building may help you secure your necessary paperwork.

**Faculty Senate Committee Representatives Updates:**

- a. Main Faculty Senate and Intercouncil Leadership: Connected
- b. Information and Communications Technology: Giacomo got connected to Dr. Scott Moore
- c. Minority Affairs: Not yet connected, will follow up
- d. University Libraries: Working on getting connected
- e. Graduate studies: Connected and ready for the next faculty meeting
- f. Research: Working on getting connected
- g. Women Faculty: Connected and ready for the next faculty meeting

**Priorities for committees:** Attend planning meeting for National Postdoc Appreciation Week this Wednesday 8/11 3-4pm. Get Faculty Senate Committee Representatives in touch with their Faculty Senate Meeting Members to attend regular meetings. Attend this Wednesday 8/11 1130am-1pm for PDA Leadership Lunch, everyone is invited: Contact

Diana Fox to make sure we include you! If you did not receive a postdoc mug, please visit Diana Fox to receive one!  
Think about how to incorporate the Sears Thinkbox in our committee events! <https://case.edu/thinkbox/>

Discussion between Senior Leadership on Ice breaker games for the get to know you PDA leadership lunch :  
14 people RSVP so far. Diana will order lunch.

- 2 truths and a lie
- Favorite color/place for vacation small talk
- Introduce yourself to your direct neighbors for a few minutes then introduce your neighbors to the group.
- Bingo card to make everyone speaking with everyone