

September 13, 2021 @ 3pm ET

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Agenda: Introductions (3:05-3:10), Committee reports, End (4:25)

Committee Updates:

- a. Benefits Committee (presented by Jeremy): Presented proposal to the Graduate Studies Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate, Unanimously Approved. Families will pay significantly less for benefits, Single Postdocs will pay slightly more. Will have some Town Hall meetings in the near future to gauge interest and support. Discussion and questions for today reviewed the percentage of coverage depending on status (i.e., single postdoc, married, family with dependents).
- b. Professional Development Committee: Planning a workshop or webinar for CV/resume development and entrepreneurship in the near future.
- c. Public Relations Committee: Focusing on National Postdoc Appreciation Week at the end of this month and jumpstarting social media for the postdoc association. If you need any social media information please contact us - we want you connected!
- d. Social Committee: Waiting for the National Postdoc Appreciation Week and then organizing 1 event x month for postdocs - would be good to create a schedule so that we know when to expect a social event. Tuesday is Trivia Night at Jolly Scholar, and there are 1-2 other events regularly happening around campus.
- e. Women's Affairs: Preparing a survey on women's affairs to send out to all postdocs this week, Planning to hold the first Postdoc Parents Coffee Break this Friday 9/17 @ 3pm ET.
- f. Immigration and Visa Committee: Creating a navigation document for new postdocs (e.g., where to get an SSN, etc.), Planning a talk from an advisor on Visa and Immigration for new postdocs.

Faculty Senate Committee Representatives Updates:

- a. Main Faculty Senate and Intercouncil Leadership: Both of the proposals at the meeting in the past month passed. Questions about matching retirement for faculty.
- b. Information and Communications Technology: N/A
- c. Minority Affairs: N/A
- d. University Libraries: Only meeting 3 x year, first date 9/28.
- e. Graduate studies: Structural issues in buildings, water problems and needs fixing.
- f. Research: N/A
- g. Women Faculty: Searching to know the percentage of women postdocs out of all postdocs.

Priorities for committees: Attend National Postdoc Appreciation Week! (Currently, 29 people signed up to the Wine & Cheese Social, 17 people signed up for the picnic, and 15 people for the lunch and learn.) Update profiles on the postdoc website, committee descriptions. Discussion for new postdocs to Cleveland - Be aware of your surroundings. Can we incorporate more preparation for new postdocs in terms of personal safety into the orientation? Our PDA Treasurer, Kermit, found another job and is no longer a postdoc. Searching for a Treasurer for 2021-2.