

February 14, 2022 @ 3pm ET

Participants (11) : Erik Price, Lenka Hromadkova, Claire Counil, Fnu Mohandas, Rehan Khan, Michael (new), Diana Fox, Nidhi Shulka, Jeremy Didion, Justine Renauld, Kimia Tajik.

Intro (3:05-3:15)

Treasurer report (1 min): No changes. VWR Vendor fair organization on **April 20th**.

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM CWRU PDA Vendor Fair (Confirmed) WRB Living Room 1223

All Rooms for 48

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM CWRU PDA Vendor Fair (Confirmed) WRB Lobby 1420

Clear for Rentals(Lobby Only) for 50

Committee meeting reports (3:15 - 3:35)

a. **Benefits Committee:** State of updated policies in the various committees they are in. None More policies are coming up if people want to look at them.

b. **Professional Development Committee:** Pilot program : knowing your options for job opportunities. 4 people have been enrolled in the pilot program. They are meeting on a regular basis.

c. **Public Relations Committee:** This group is continuing to develop the CWRU Postdoc Website including adding a button to get involved in the group and social media. <https://case.edu/postdoc/postdoc-association> Email Erik Price if you have a recent publication or professional achievement that you would like highlighted by the association: ejp68@case.edu . Diana and Erik were talking about sending out personalized emails for new postdocs to encourage new postdocs (and returning!) to come to PDA meetings.

d. **Social Committee:** At the moment, we are waiting for an opportunity to plan an event for later in the spring. When can we have an in-person event? It comes down to the covid restriction (check on covid Website) Outside event preferred.

e. **Women's Affairs:** Continued planning for an event on Navigating the Postdoc alongside the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women. We also are changing our meeting time for this semester to the second Fridays of the month at 10am EST. **April 12th 1 to 3 pm** is the new date and time for this event.

f. **Immigration and Visa Committee:** Discussed the date and timing for seminar on visa and green card process. Contacted Brendon Delaney attorney from FRANK & DELANEY IMMIGRATION LAW, LLC and he is available to deliver the seminar on 17th March, 2022. Planning of a virtual seminar on the green card process and visa next steps for potential and current postdocs. Will confirm 12 to 1.30pm March 17th. Need to prepare an illustration link and poster. Lunch box on Postdoc office budget (Need to be discussed). Diana's office may have money for this. The postdoc website will be updated based on recent developments in visa and immigration processing. Take a look at our resources page and see if anything can be altered or added! [Resource Page for Postdocs](#)

Committee meeting reports (3:35 - 4)

a. **Main Faculty Senate and Intercouncil Leadership:** Erik Price went to the meeting

5 masks for each student. Number of isolation students dropped, so they're optimistic that covid things will get better. There was a shooting in Little Italy last month, campus is extending police coverage in that area. Expansion of city jurisdiction was approved as well, and increased cameras and lights are under requisition. Ben Vinson - Optimistic! Steve Eppel - Tenure track discussion – trying to elucidate language to reduce anxiety – getting written feedback at every step.

- Postdoc maternity leave
- Mark Hoss is trying to give a proposal to transition ad hoc public health committee into standing committee
- Formation of ad hoc committee on shared faculty governance to optimize university transparency and efficiency ; Diana – vote yes
- Postdoctoral paid parental leave - Seeks to extend it from 6 to 8 weeks - Fixes gender language (all genders can request it)

Lynmarie Hamel – vote yes - Fixed graduate paid parental leave also (lots of the same changes as postdocs)

New master's degree in translational pharmaceutical science – vote yes

Amy Hammet – 5 year academic calendar – vote yes

Lindsay Jacobs –Data security for faculty information system

Jen Green – Faculty open access policy (I've brought this up before in PDA meetings – Erik P.)

"collapse of peer review system" by Jo Ann Wise

b. **Information and Communications Technology:** Discussion about 2022 agenda.

c. **Minority Affairs:** This committee did not meet in the last month. Nothing new to report. Still organizing a date that works for everyone.

d. **University Libraries:** The libraries got a flux of capital and are planning : renovations and hiring 2 persons.

e. **Graduate studies:** Paid parental leave and vacation time changes were approved. A new masters degree in nursing is going to be introduced soon.

f. **Research:** Last meeting got canceled and we will be meeting on 25th February, 2022.

g. **Women Faculty:** This committee did not meet in the last month. Meeting will be february 16th.

Priorities for committees: Questions about visa renewal and requirements for travel. Insurance information to add to the postdoc page, in order to give helpful tips for new postdocs.

Get updates on the PDA events via the shareable Google Calendar

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=Y2FzZS5lZHVfdXUyaWdvOXZhZnVqbWgybDdjdlmYXNmtAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlmNvbQ>

Other discussion/Business:

Thank you to Lenka and her team for her continued progress in preparing the VWR fair.

Thank you Diana for her help in the administration for postdoc and her engagement to help us. She will be missed, but will stay in contact with us through her new job as insurance Liaison for postdocs.