

March 14, 2022 @ 3pm ET

Participants (9) : Erik Price, Syed Shahbaz Gardezi, Felicia Moss, Justine Renauld, Saudagar B. Dongare, Eda Cagli, Sreelakshmi Vasudevan, Katharina Rynkiewich. Second half: Nidhi Shukla .

Intro (3:05-3:15)

Treasurer report (1 min): No updates. VWR Vendor Fair coming up on April 20th 10AM to 2pm.

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

a. **Benefits Committee**: No updates.

b. **Professional Development Committee**: Event this week in collaboration with **Immigration and Visa Committee**: Brendon Delaney attorney from FRANK & DELANEY IMMIGRATION LAW, LLC will deliver the seminar on 17th March 2022. See Postdoc Calendar Thursday 12-1:30.

c. **Public Relations Committee**: Work on spreading the word on postdoc achievements. The committee did not meet in the past month but one of the co-chairs will be leaving for a new job. A co-chair position is open.

d. **Social Committee**: Chair of this committee is accepting a new job in Boston. This position is open.

e. **Women's Affairs**: We meet on the second Fridays of the month at 10am EST, see the Postdoc Calendar. **April 12th 1 to 3 pm** is the date and time for our event, "**Navigating the Postdoc: Balancing Work and Life in Early Career**" Please attend!

f. **Immigration and Visa Committee**: see above and discussion of contact and communication regarding postdoc visas.

Committee meeting reports (3:35 - 4)

a. **Main Faculty Senate and Intercouncil Leadership**: Police department extends coverage into the Little Italy area to ensure greater protection of university members. Another discussion about medical student grading and systems for rotations. Changing the parental leave language so that it is clear between parents and primary caregivers, including women faculty flexibility in hours.

b. **Information and Communications Technology**: TBA.

c. **Minority Affairs**: Did not meet.

d. **University Libraries**: Pilot program related to publications and open access through the university library. Long-term planning for this endeavor is detailed through 2024, contact Erik Price for more details.

e. **Graduate studies**: Childcare options for graduate students and postdocs, including low-cost emergency care for graduate students and postdocs on campus. <https://case.edu/onetoone/childcare>; \$4/hour.

f. **Research**: Co-chair Rehan Khan will detail more at the next meeting, unable to attend today. Has met but does not have more updates.

g. **Women Faculty**: The meeting notes from Feb 16 detail that the women's faculty senate want to create a COVID-impact survey for university members. Discussion on recommendations for women's faculty mentorship and existing structures across the university. Mentorship system for women faculty is in the works.

Priorities for committees:

Get updates on the PDA events via the shareable Google Calendar

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=Y2FzZS5lZHVfdXUyaWdvOXZhZnVqbWgybDdjdiNmYXMxNmtAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xLmNvbQ>

Other discussion/Business:

This is a transition month as we have several postdocs in leadership that are moving on to permanent positions. We plan to fill all positions as soon as possible. **If you are interested in joining the PDA, please email Justine or Felicia at jmr267@case.edu or fxm161@case.edu or join us at our next PDA meeting!**

National Postdoc Association conference is April 28 + 29, 2022. Virtual conference:

<https://www.nationalpostdoc.org/page/2022AC> Postdoctoral Affairs will be covering the registration for postdocs if they wish to attend; we have up to 25 slots available. More information will be coming via your CWRU email.

Creating a central place for funding opportunities, conferences, or events that have been forwarded as part of email campaigns. We want to get the word out and forward them to everyone, but using the postdoc@case.edu email account to constantly forward these may make postdocs mark our email as spam or just ignore important emails from our office. One idea is to create another email account to share opportunities for postdocs; or create a newsletter.

Consider joining the PDA leadership team! Contact anyone on the leadership team if you are interested.