

## **Postdoc Association (PDA) Meeting - Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Attendance: Felicia Moss, Imdadul H Khan, Sagar Regmi, Lenka Hromadkova, Shashi Singh, Bernadette Schneider, Eric Mosher, Nicole Wagner, Akshaya Radhakrishnan, Volodymyr Stetsenko, Amra Ismail, S. Syam, Popular Pandey

### **Felicia Moss, Director, PDA**

- Felicia attending the NPA conference on March 15/16
- Will contact a Bioenterprise-based resource (Paul Tesar) for an industry tour.
- Vendor Fair on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, need volunteers to help staff the event
- Joy Ward named Provost

### **Shashi Singh, Sr. Co-President**

- Discussed the happy hour for postdocs (once or twice a month), place and time will be fixed later.
- Discussed the one-day tour to industry and sponsorship management.

### **Imdadul H. Khan, Secretary**

#### **Fundraising committee:**

We are looking for volunteers for this committee. If anybody is interested in volunteering for this committee, don't hesitate to contact Felicia.

### **Bernadette Schneider, Benefits Committee**

- Jeremiah Didion left as of 12/31 - we thank him for his years of service to the PDA
- Bernadette named Chair of the Committee
- Working on time tracking system for postdocs to enter their time into HCM - should officially start around February
- Policy relating to postdoc insurance passed Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies - now will go to the Executive Committee, then full faculty senate
- Sending an email to all postdocs about parking, bus options, and resources available
- A question came up about One to One Fitness pricing for postdocs - Felicia reached out to One-to-One and they will clarify postdocs on their website, postdocs are affiliates at \$52 per month

### **Sagar Regmi, Immigration and Visa Committee**

- [Sprintax webinars available](#) to answer questions about international tax filing

### **Popular Pandey, Faculty Senate Committee on Libraries**

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- Inter-library loans (ILL) can be used to loan books, chapters, journals, etc.

### **Eric Mosher, Popular Pandey, Maura McCall, Professional Development Committee**

- Next Career Series: [Dr. Lauren Porter, Stadtman Tenure-track investigator at the National Library of Medicine, NIH](#) on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 1pm via Zoom
- Career Series: [Dr. Dibakar Sigdel, Principal Data Scientist at Truveta](#). Thursday, January 25th @ noon - 1 pm via Zoom (rescheduled to March 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Discussed Biophysics conference which will be held in the afternoon on the 20th March @ Wolstein lobby. Program details will be announced later.

**Syam S, Social Activities Committee:**

- Discussed one-day community service (e.g. food bank), any idea will be encouraged.
- In the last holiday party, about 75 people attended.

**Jonnelle Edwards-Glenn, Social Media Ambassadors**

- Ankit Sharma left as of 1/8, we thank him for his service
- Jonnelle named Chair of the committee
- December Postdoc Spotlight of the Month = Aaron Hammes (English), January Spotlight = Athar Khalil (Genetics), February = Saudagar Dongare (Chemical Engineering)

**Nicole Wagner, Faculty Senate Committee on Women Faculty**

- Childcare subsidy is under consideration and in the works, but likely not until 2025

**Volodymyr Stetsenko, Faculty Senate Committee on Minority Affairs**

- Heated debate on Gaza/Israel resolution in faculty senate committee on Minority Affairs happened and the whole thing is postponed for later decision.

**Eric Mosher, Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies**

- Jeremiah Didion left the university, so Eric volunteered for this position

**Other Business:**