

PDA monthly Meeting: 12th February 2024, Monday, from 3.00-5.00 pm

Attendees: Felicia Moss, Imdadul Khan, Mithun Debnath, Jody Kunk-Czaplicki, Eric Mosher, Sidra Islam, Syam S, Sagar Regmi, Nicole Wagner, Fredrick Kizito, Bernadette Schneider, Vlad Stetsenko, Akshaya Radhakrishnan, Aayushi Laliwala

- New SOM postdoc coordinator Jody A. Kunk-Czaplicki joined in the meeting.

Felicia Moss,

- Annual vendor fair will be held on April 3rd 2024.

Benefits committee, Bernadette Schneider:

HCM time off accounting:

- Website and walkthrough instructions are ready; finishing touches going in, roll out very soon hopefully

Childcare subsidy 2025:

- Increased discounts and fee waivers for local childcare facilities (e.g., Sweet Kiddles)

RTA:

- RTA contract options are coming out soon. A survey will be sent to every postdoc to understand the present scenario.

Visa committee, Sagar:

- Discussed on J1 waiver process, transition process from J1 to H1B, updating the website, taxes of Postdocs, renewal process of J2 EAD, traveling if you applied for green card
- Visa office is looking for suggestions for the website.
- Sprintax webinars for international postdocs and students available.

Professional Development, Eric Mosher

- Career series will be held on 22nd February 2024, Thursday, @ noon - 1pm via Zoom. Speaker: Dr. Lauren Porter, Stadtman Tenure-track Investigator at the National Library of Medicine, NIH. [for RSVP click here](#)
- Next Career series will be held on Thursday, March 28th @ noon - 1pm via Zoom. Speaker: Dr. Dibakar Sigdel, Principal Data Scientist at Truveta. [for RSVP click here](#)
- Biophysics Week Event will be held on Wednesday, 20th March 2024. [for details or RSVP](#)

Public Relations,

- [Postdoc of the Month](#) for February 2024 - Dr. Saudagar Dongare (Chemical Engineering)
- Feature on women in science is published. (visit [LinkedIn link](#))

Social Activity Committee, Syam S

- Discussed Greater Cleveland Food Bank as an option of one day community service for PDAs
- Painting night on Thursday, March 7th from 5:30 - 8:30pm (we will begin painting around 5:45) at Eldred Hall (on the main Quad), room 103. [for RSVP click here](#)
- Discussed on possible sport day for PDAs

Faculty Senate Committee: Facilities, Space Governance, and Campus Planning, Eric Mosher:

- Any Suggestions related to facilities from PDA members will be appreciated
- The Faculty Senate committee discussed facilities concerns from the school of nursing.
- Faculty Senate committee also discussed a proposed policy in response to the moving of the math department in the middle of a semester that aims to limit such disruptions to faculty.

Graduate Study, Eric Mosher

- Committee discussed new proposed programs from Nursing, Business, and Data Science departments.

Women Faculty, Nicole Wagner

- Title IX training will begin rolling out this semester. Everyone has to be trained on Title IX policies due to the recent agreement with the DOJ.