

PSA General Meeting – Wednesday, December 3, 2015, 5:10-6:00PM

Postdocs in attendance: Jon Ashby, Nicky Creux, Pawlok Dass, Dawei Feng, Molly Foote, Kaisa Kajala, Anna Kalashnikova, Tun Nyunt, Keshav Dev Singh.

**Travel Grants (Update) – Molly Foote**

- Molly updated the attendees on changes to the cycles for the travel grants. (see Leadership Meeting)

**NIH Fellowship Panel (Update) – Jonathan Ashby**

- Jon discussed the plans for the Fellowship panel, including rough date, plan to dual-cast it on the Sacramento Campus, and requests for postdocs to help identify recipients of various awards.

**Postdoctoral Research Symposium (Update) – Ygal Achmon (presented by Nicky Creux)**

- Nicky gave updates on the status of the fundraising/budget, plans for logistics of opening abstract submission, and briefly brainstormed potential panel ideas for part of the symposium. She will notify the PSA when the next meeting will be held.

**Postdoctoral Entrepreneurship Club (PEC) (Request) – Tun Nyunt**

- Tun outlined the goals of the PEC, and his request for postdocs to be on the planning committee for the monthly speaker invitations. He also gave a few names of industry professionals interested in participating.
- Questions were asked about the scope of the club for year 1 (invites to professionals who are in the Greater Bay Area or in the area for an event already), as well as the degree of committee member involvement (2 members plan one monthly event per quarter)
- Two volunteers were identified from the attendees, to further support those who had already contacted Tun.

**UC-wide committee on sexual assault, violence and harassment (Request) – Jonathan Ashby**

- President's office put out a request for a postdoc to help provide feedback to a committee on above cases involving UC faculty. Northern Campus meeting, 1/13/2016, 2-4PM, location TBD.
- A volunteer was identified from the attendees.

**Career Development Workshop (Brainstorming) – Kaisa Kajala**

- Kaisa lead a discussion to determine what type of event would be best received by the postdoc community, and where would be best on location to hold the event. Attendees agreed on a networking workshop as most useful.
- The base plan at this point would be to have a two-part workshop: a panel covering basic networking skills, as well as skills specific to networking in industry versus academia, and a reception allowing postdocs to practice the learned skills. As with other PSA development events, it would be open to both grad students and postdocs.
- It was decided that an ideal location would be the Genome Center (good reception area and auditorium) – The PSA will need to determine how to reserve space there.
- Planning of the event should include ESTEME, PEC and the ICC if possible.

**Social event for next quarter (Brainstorming) - Rob Gysel (presented by Jonathan Ashby)**

- The attendees were in agreement that a bowling trip in Woodland would be a good idea, with karaoke in Sacramento listed as a backup. Rob and Jon will figure out additional logistics (transportation, et cetera) and discuss with the leadership how best to implement the social event.

**Other Notes:**

- One general concern made was that the PSA should work to better accommodate postdocs with children; the PSA agreed that this should be taken into consideration for future events. The next general meeting will be a brown-bag event at lunch time, while a survey will be sent out to determine what time would be best for the Workshop and Social.