

## PDA Committee Minutes of Meeting

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 3 pm (EST)

- x Participants: 23 – Felicia Moss, Nidhi Shukla, Mohandas, Sagar Regmi, Eric Mosher, Shashi Singh, Ankit Sharma, Haley Nguyen, Volodymyr Stetsko, Gideon Gywa, Justine Renauld, Sreelakshmi Vasudevan, Shalini Verma, Shakti Prasad, Praveem Bellam, Vivek Prakash, Popular Pandey, Bernadette Schneider, Jeremy Didion, Amra Ismail, Surajit Chatterjee, Muhammad Nur Imdadul Khan

- f* A final review will be carried out after consulting with students, faculty, and postdocs before implementation.
  - f* Check this [webpage](#) for the latest updates and reach out to the Office of Equity if you need to file a complaint.
  - f* The Title IX process has been simplified and unlike earlier, the new hearing panel would consist of 3 members.
  - f* Ashley Everett also discussed with them the likely issues with the new process that might arise due to AI and chat GPT.
  - f* The new process will be implemented most likely at the beginning of this fall semester.
- x Professional Development Committee (Chair: Eric Moshe):
- o Career Series
    - f* Discussed the need to prioritize in-person talks. Might incur additional expense to cover the cost of inviting the speaker.
    - f* All postdocs are encouraged to invite professionals in their respective fields as speakers.
    - f* Kermit Horton, PhD, Sales Representative at Avantor, gave a talk on April 28 about career in sales. 20 members registered for the talk.
    - f* Planning an upcoming Career Series talk June 29, more details will be released at a later date.
    - f* The Committee will work on sending out a survey, all postdocs encouraged to respond. The survey link is: [https://forms.gle/228J0Tc9f83709f](#) (nh w)-3.4 (-)-3 ( (,)-1(ar

- x Faculty Senate Committee on Research (Rep: Sagar Regmi)
  - o Discussion on research policy. Policies listed on ORTM website include Policies on collaboration with CCF, Cleveland VA, NSF, PI/PD policy, Proposal Policy, Effort reporting policy and Salary adjustment and cost transfer policy.
  - o Discussion on implementing a new survey (Faculty Research Surveys).
  - o Discussion on how should we interact with New Campus Planning committee?
- x Faculty Senate Committee on Information and Communications Technology (Rep: Shashi Singh)
  - o *Turnitin*, a tool used by faculty to check for plagiarism in student thesis/assignments has added a temporary feature to check the use of AI text tools such as *Chat GPT*. However, university policies are still being developed regarding the use of these language models.
  - o Discussions were also held on the use of a device called *Beacon* in classrooms that can connect to students' phones and help them check in for attendance. Some people, like the Dental School, think this is a good idea.