

PDA Monthly Meeting Minutes

03-11-2024

Attendance:

Felicia Moss, Jody Kunk-Czaplicki, Lenka Hromadkova, Bernadette Schneider, Nisha Bhattarai, Popular Pandey, Eric Mosher, Syam S, Paola Menghini, Gideon Gywa, Maura McCall, Sagar Regmi, Thanh Hoang Pham

New postdocs at the meeting introduced themselves.

Director, Postdoctoral Affairs: Felicia Moss

- HCM update:
 - Hopefully, we will have access by the end of March.
 - Have emails, materials, and training ready to go.
 - Just waiting for final approval
- Vendor fair:
 - will be held on April 3rd 2024 ([For RSVP](#))
 - 32 vendors signed up already
 - Requesting volunteers soon – If you are interested in volunteering, please fill up the [Request Form](#)
- The next PDA meeting is scheduled for April 15th from April 8th at the same time and place due to the eclipse date and time
- Felicia will be going to the NPA conference this week and will seek input from PDA regarding what sessions to prioritize for concurrent sessions
- Postdoc exit survey being developed. Current exit surveys are through HR and the postdoc office has no access to the data
- Elections for the PDA will take place in May. Felicia Moss will begin sending out information to all postdocs.

Treasurer: Lenka Hromadkova

- Last PDA meeting for Lenka. She is going to make the transition to a research associate role.
- There are enough members to fill her CBTA representative role.

Social Activities Committee, Syam S.

- The [Postdoc Paint Night 2024](#) event was successful. Fifteen people, including new members, attended and reviewed it positively.

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Benefits Committee, Bernadette Schneider

- Transportation survey:
 - About 40 people responded, Last question - would you support a vote for joining RTA group benefits with a monthly fee for RTA passes for all postdocs?
 - 30% ? (
- A moderate fraction of the responses do take public transportation
- Encouraged them to take advantage of the pre-tax RTA pass option
 - Point discussed
 - Can Safe Ride be expanded?

- Or can there be designated shuttles to specific neighborhoods?
Fairhill, Shaker Square, MetroHealth

Is this a thing to ask facilities/campus planning committee?

Eric will ask if this is within the scope of the committee

Learned about a CWRU rideshare initiative – CarShare, Hourly car rental capabilities

- Childcare subsidy

- Things are in the works, still confirming who is eligible and what makes someone ineligible

- Felicia is the point person

- Can we make a protected Canvas “course” to hold these documents?
 - Surprisingly few postdoc fellows at CWRU
 - In the interest of the university to have postdocs get funding
- The career series will be held on 28th March 2024, Thursday; speaker: