

PDA Meeting minutes, April 2024

Date: 04-15-2024

Attendance: Felicia Moss, Jody Kunk-Czaplicki, Imdadul Khan, Shashi Singh, Eric Mosher, Gideon Gywa, Charlems Alvarez Jimenez, Bernadette Schneider, Popular Pandey, Nish Bhattarai, Syam S, Sagar Regmi

Felicia Moss:

- x Next month PDA election will be held. [Link to cast vote and volunteer to PDA leadership](#)
- x Faculty Senate approved new health insurance policy which states that faculty mentor, department, and/or school/college will determine the funding source(s) to pay for one-hundred percent (100%) of the benefits program monthly premiums for postdocs and their dependents." (effective from 1st January 2025) (For details [Postdoctoral Insurance Coverage Policy 2024](#))
- x HCM is in production. For related information (tutorials, arranging HCM training) please visit [HCM Link](#)
- x Exit survey form on the website.
- x Vendor fair: Vendor fair was successful with 32 vendors and 232 people participation.

Professional Development:

- x Career series: Dr. August Li, Patent Agent at Wilson Sonsini Law Firm, Thursday, May 23rd @ 12:30 - 1:30pm via Zoom. [RSVP Link](#)
- x Biophysics day: People enjoyed the flash talks. Next year, there could have been more time slots for them. Fewer people were interested in the networking part.
- x Journal Club: Most PDA are interested in either teaching related or general scientific article discussion. UCITE can be a good source for teaching & pedagogy related articles.

Benefits, Bernadette Schneider:

- x [Child Care Subsidy](#) for postdoc - apply by May 15th!
- x Information added to Website: couple of editions (US Federal student loan, public service for 10 years; NIH loans)/ deferment of undergrad loans in graduate school.

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