

POST DOCTORAL ASSOCIATION

Meeting 3

March 02, 2017, 12-1 pm, Room no. 1006

Officers Present:

Aditya Bade; Denis Svechkarev; Allison M Longemann; Susmita Sil; Alyson E. Hanish, Priscila Rodrigues Armijo; Eric Tom; Venugopal Gunda and Surendra Shukla.

20 post docs, attendance sheet in Secretary's file.

Agendas:

1. Post-Doc Association – Website: Update – Denis
2. Post-Doc Association - Facebook Page: Update – Priscila
3. Association Budget: Update – Alyson
4. Upcoming seminar: Priscila and Eric
5. Baseline salary and Annual Renewal as per NRSA and cost of living index: Aditya
6. Grievance committee
7. Any issues that UNMC post-docs want to suggest to Association to consider/work on:
Open discussion

Reports:

1. **Post-Doc Association – Website:** The PDA website has been built and Denis explained the contents of it. New suggestions are welcomed. The link for the PDA website will be send to each of the post docs by email.
2. **Post-Doc Association - Facebook Page:** Priscilla updated that the PDA facebook page is created and all post docs are welcomed to join. This is a closed group and needs the administrator's approval to join. The link for the FB will be send to each of the post docs by email.
3. **Association Budget:** Alyson informed that \$ 2500 - has been allocated as the provisional budget. But detailed budget needs to be placed before we receive the actual amount.
4. **Upcoming seminars and social events:** a. Crystal Bethel Brown: Transition to industry, b. Welcome party for PDA and c. program on multicultural integrity.
5. **Baseline Salary and Annual Renewal as per NRSA and cost of living index:** The letter was drafted and is presently is being edited with incorporations from all the post docs. This will be sent out soon.

6. **Grievance committee:** The PDA plans to build a grievance cell which will consider the non-academic conflicts of the post docs. Heather (graduate student, UNMC) shared her experience for building up the grievance committee.
7. **Any issues that UNMC post-docs want to suggest to Association to consider/work on:**
None.

The PDA will continue to work for the benefits of the post docs and we would be happy to know about your suggestions.

Thanks

Dr. Susmita Sil

Secretary, PDA