Monthly Postdoctoral Association Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Light Hall Room 306 A, 11:30AM

Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoctoral Attendees: Tara Schwetz, Ebany Martinez-Finely, Dan Durkin, Barbara Natalizco, Dan Trott, Annet Kirabo, Katie Jameson

List of Faculty/Staff Attendees:
Roger Chalkley, Claudia Cottingham

Topics Discussed:

1. Monthly Happy Hour
   - Next Happy Hour: Thursday, July 12th at 6:00 pm at Mellow Mushroom (bring your envelopes from last time!)

2. Elections
   - To be held in mid-July
   - Notifications will be sent out to the selected officers by late July
   - Transition of duties will occur in August
   - Nominations extended until Friday July 13

3. International Potluck
   - To be held on July 26th?
   - Ask that each person bring one dish to share
   - Sign-up to help with planning, set-up, or clean-up
   - Suggestion that potluck be in November around Thanksgiving or have one every month

4. Vanderbilt Postdoc Networking Lunch
   - To take place on August 9th?
   - Open networking at first, then three 10 minute rotations at tables, each with a different topic to discuss
   - Register in advance
   - Handbook including name, email, short (140 characters) research summary, and country of origin? Also include where you did your work previously.
   - Volunteers to help with planning, set-up, or clean-up needed
   - Meeting on July 20 to discuss and decide on topics
   - Possible topics include: work/life balance, career development and how the institution can help, mentorship, “getting started” for new postdocs
- Create handbook modeled after other – decision not to print it but provide a PDF on the website for download

5. **Nashville Sounds Baseball Game**
   - Scheduled for August 11th (Salt Lake Bees) – 20 tickets available
   - Tickets are $10 - Please let email Claudia for tickets by August 10th

6. **PDA Bulletin Board in LH**
   - Needs to be re-organized and creatively assembled – scaled down version of NPA Poster
   - Ebany is working on a draft of it
   - Add stuff to board that will be on it long-term, for example, list annual events with dates if we have them.
   - Add data from “output” chart
   - Publications, grants, etc.

7. **The Annual BRET Office of Career Development Career Symposium**
   - Drs. Randy Ribauo and Larry Petcovic (Human Workflows) will present their SciPhD workshop PhD students and postdocs, introducing participants to 24 business competencies valued in industry and helping participants relate their PhD and postdoctoral training to industry competencies.
   - Monday, August 13 from 1:00-5:00
   - Follow-up Q&A from 9:00-10:30 on Tuesday, August 14

8. **Sign-up sheets for PDA committees**
   - Scholarly Learning/Symposium Planning
   - Postdoc Advocacy
   - Social Networking and Activities
   - Web and Communication

9. **Suggestions for upcoming topics**

10. **Reminder: Register for Kim Petrie’s Career Development List**