Meeting Minutes

List of Postdoc Attendees:
2010-2011 Executive Committee Members:
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List of Faculty/Staff Attendees:
Susan Wente
Roger Chalkley
Trish Labosky
Kim Petrie
Claudia Cottingham
Suchitra Mam Tangchittrong

1. 0.5% salary increase for most staff this January (MyVU)
   a. Addressed by Susan Wente
   b. Postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows, and graduate students are considered trainees and are therefore not eligible for the staff salary increase

2. 2011 Symposium
   a. April 18th, 19th, and 20th are reserved for 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
   b. Once keynote speaker is confirmed alternative dates will be cancelled
   c. Postdoctoral survey results:
      i. Keynote speakers: (1) Peter Doherty (2) Christy Shaffer (3) Robert Langer
         1. Drs. Wente and Labosky suggested that an invitation letter drafted by postdocs and executive committee would be more impactful than a letter coming from faculty members
Cores: (1) Institute of Imaging Science (2) Cell Imaging Shared Resource (3) Clinical Research Center (4) Flow Cytometry and Immunology Cores

1. We should include or at least introduce the new Functional Genomics Shared Resources (FGSR) core

3. National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) meeting: March 25th – 27th
   a. Someone from the Executive Committee typically attends
   b. Need to submit and abstract by December 15th
   c. Discuss and review abstract at next PDA Executive Meeting on 12.14.10

4. Postdoc Recruiting Event: May 22nd – 25th
   a. Encourage current postdocs to get involved with this event
   b. Likely a dinner Sunday, May 22nd for current and prospective postdocs
   c. Online application this year – application system will launch the first of the year
   d. Target number is approximately 24 postdoc recruits

5. Open forum discussions:
   a. PDA budget for symposium expenses, travel awards, and seminar series?
   b. Postdoc fundraising and conflict of interest?
   c. Suggestion by Dr. Wente that the PDA executive committee should send a representative to the Quarterly Departmental Chair Meeting (next meeting will be held in March)
      i. Prepare presentation to address PDA needs, regarding faculty involvement with the Postdoc Symposium
      ii. Ask Departmental Chairs to nominate faculty members as judges for the symposium. Use chairs as a point of contact for recruiting faculty involvement. Make sure to follow up with contacts after quarterly meeting.