PDA November 7, 2012 meeting

Attendees:
Barbara Natalizio
Daniel Trott
Katie Jameson
Marla Perna
John Kennard
Emily Bisen-Hersh
Shan Wang
Hyehun Choi
Patricia Jumbo
Erick Spears
Jeri Bright
Annet Kirabo
Hana Itani
Ebany Martinez-Finley

Agenda:

1. **Discussion on Topics:** “**Learning more about the Research CORES and Shared Resources available at Vanderbilt**”

   - Open discussion with Susan Meyn, Ph.D., Director of Research Resources & Planning
   - Dr. Meyn will be available to answer any questions you may have

Office of Research: funds research internal grants, grant writing help, can provide descriptions of resources on campus, coordinate limited submission opportunities and provide support for selected grant opportunities, oversight of core facilities keeps them up to date, coordinates VICTR, scholarship program. ISROC institutional shared resource oversight committee oversees cores. 10 years ago a $100mil investment was made to begin cores. $44mil spent in last year. More than 30 cores and shared resources. Utilize cores when writing grant application, can write support letters, assist with budget. (Reviewers tend to be positive about this). Cores can help with experimental design, planning, troubleshooting. Support exists to pay for core services charges: join a research center this allows access to scholarships (credit vouchers that can be used at cores), limits defined by center. VICTR provides pilot grants for clinical translational research (translational can be a broad definition).

Types of work:
- **Imaging institute-animals,** human and cell wide variety of microscopy resources.
- **Proteomics:** Mass spec, structural biology-nmr xray crystallography biophysics, chemical biology-screening, chemical synthesis.
- **Cell and animal based models; Flowcytometry and Immunology-** cell surface
organelle markers, cytokine arrays. Transgenic Mouse, ESC resources, Mouse and rat neurobehavior cores.
Genmonics: Vantage-DNA extraction and banking, genotyping, microarrays, Nextgen sequencing. VANGARD-genomic data analysis and research design, design studios see cqs.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vangard
Website: Vanderbilt.edu/or
C.O.R.E.S. cfuis.mc.vanderbilt.edu log in to register for time and billing for cores
ITS maintains software store

2. Welcoming the New BRET Psychologist for Postdocs and Graduate Students

§ Dr. Mistie D. Germek will be introduced and will be available to answer questions about the psychological services available through BRET

Room 306F there if common issues arise, solution focused. Cards with contact information went around. Mistie is on campus Tues and Thurs 7-3 Fri 1-5, can make appointments for other times. Confidential

3. International Potluck Event

§ Scheduled for Monday, November 19th from 5:00-7:00pm
§ Location: 305 Light Hall (Student Lounge)
§ Please bring a traditional family holiday dish to feed ~6-8 people
§ Refreshments as well as chicken (fried and baked) will be provided

Sign up sheet went around. Departmental reps and others take fliers to put up in your dept. A few days before get an idea of what dishes are coming and PDA will fill in the holes.

4. Upcoming Events

§ Annual Holiday Party: Confirm date/Discuss details

Sign up sheet went around. Timing 1st 2 weeks in December 6,11,13? Door prizes

5. Symposium Planning

§ List of potential speakers generated
§ Ranking to commence shortly

Sign up sheet went around. Survey to vote went out and had a good response, no date yet
6. Upcoming Meeting – Life Science Tennessee Annual Meeting – November 14th-16th

§ Poster session: Scheduled for Thursday, November 15th from 5:30-7pm
§ Location: Vanderbilt Marriott Hotel
§ An excellent opportunity for networking including “one-one-one” breakout sessions

See website for more info, good for networking within Tennessee

7. Comments/Feedback on PDA Halloween Party & Fundraising Event

*Raised $105, good turnout*

8. Monthly Happy Hour

§ Next Happy Hour: Thursday, November 8th at 6:00pm at Sportsman’s Grille
§ 2 for 1 drinks and appetizer specials until 7pm

9. Sign-up sheets for PDA committees

§ Scholarly Learning/Symposium Planning
§ Postdoc Advocacy
§ Social Networking and Activities
§ Web and Communication

10. Suggestions for upcoming topics

*Next month Connie Lee, science advocacy via Skype. “We are Research” videos as a preview*

11. Reminders:

§ Register for Kim Petrie’s Career Development List
§ Join Vanderbilt University Biomedical Research Graduate and Postdoctoral Trainee and Alumni Linked-In Group
§ **Join the Vanderbilt University Postdoctoral Association Google Group**
  [https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en&fromgroups#!forum/VU-Postdocs](https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en&fromgroups#!forum/VU-Postdocs)
  o The webboard is designed for open communication amongst Vanderbilt postdocs about science, family, life and anything you feel would be of interest to our community!
Sign up today for email alerts of new postings!

**National PDA is establishing a journal, we can publish in this. Both scientific and postdoc forum in this journal. They are encouraging more science.**

**Upcoming PhD career connection seminars see BRET website and Kim Petrie’s email newsletter. Thurs Nov 15 Meharry is sponsoring a seminar, Metro police are opening a forensic lab, RSVP required info will be in upcoming newsletter.**

**Starting to plan for 2013 career symposium.**

**New BRET program coordinator Kate Stuart introduced, previously with Vanderbilt Alumni working with career resources.**