

UWPA General Assembly Notes

Mon, May 6, 2019 (4pm): Loew 310

Attending	Unknown if Attending	Cannot Attend
Julie Van De Weghe Karla Herpoldt Becca Bluett Tapo Bhattacharjee Alexis Kaminski Ayokunle Olanrewaju Anzella Niraula Anna Ting Kim Meier		

Start time: 4:02pm – 5:02pm

Bill Mahoney dropped by to say his (nearby) door is always open & he's looking forward to working together, especially after all the union contract things are settled

**1. Recap from OPAL meeting**

- Talked about upcoming & potential events – pitched personal branding workshop to OPA, they seemed receptive to working together on it.
- There was a letter sent to SOM faculty about foreign governments trying to steal intellectual property (possibly related to Huawei; seemed somewhat targeted to China), there is FBI involvement & faculty are supposed to report any foreign collaborations. Some reports of postdocs being reprimanded for speaking Chinese in labs.

**2. Gift for Kelly- update on cherry blossom tree**

- We missed the prime season for obtaining cherry blossom trees; Karla plans to look into getting a gift card to a tree nursery near Kelly for her to pick out her own next year.
- Also interested in alternatives.

**3. Potential events (responses from newsletter)**

- a. Personal branding workshop (academic and 'alt-ac'); including linkedin, resume/cv, and website.
  - OPA potentially interested in working together on this (see OPAL recap).  
**But still looking for any leads on someone to run it.**

**4. Newsletter**

- a. Publication highlight?
- b. Any known awards/grants/jobs/PD to highlight? Grad student PD mentor award.
- c. Google Doc of questions to have people highlighted for new careers included below. This month will be Amy Stone.

- i. Please send out questions to anyone you know and we can stockpile them for slow release! Let's aim for everyone to email at least one person with the set of questions.
- d. PD to follow on twitter- volunteers? We'll highlight Julie this month. Everybody should ask their friends/colleagues if they have interest in having their Twitter/LinkedIn/Website or whatever featured here to gain some followers.
- e. OPA Career Symposium, GoFundMe for injured international PD, Union/Seattle City Council Event, National Center for PD diversity

## 5. Website

### a. Updates:

- The website is super slow b/c it needs to be backed up and updated to new version.
- Headshots to be added to board member page.
- There are several links to blank pages, overall need to decide if we want to be providing extra resources or just pointing people to where they can find info from the university:
  - Other Resources -> Foreign Nationals – should signpost to University & eventually to Union as well
  - Other Resources -> Housing – need to either delete the page or add some resources
- Upcoming events should include monthly meetings & happy hours
- Additions?
  1. Newsletter archive
  2. Update banner pic (to collage of photos or posters from events; but also want to remember to get a good panorama at this year's research symposium & also take a good group photo of the board)
  3. Add UWPA Ecosystem graphic to website somewhere
  4. Add link to union under UW Postdoc Services & link to diversity alliance.
  5. Maybe should develop our own diversity statement.
  6. Add Parenting group to "Other Resources"
  7. Add minutes to website. Becca & Karla to make previous (since Jan 2018) into pdfs for this purpose.
  8. Newsletter, events, & meeting minutes should get updated monthly
  9. Invite people to write blogs posts – anything PD relevant

## 6. Research symposium

- a. Location: South Campus Center Room 316, chairs for 120 classroom style

- b. Date: Friday, September 20, 12pm-6pm. \$60/hr, OPA is sponsoring.



- c. Karla will begin organizing food things.
- d. Everybody should think about if we want to have a keynote speaker or a panel & who we should invite for these. (Last year's keynote was Gary McDowell from Future of Research & it was great.)
- e. Advertising: Contact departmental reps, maybe joint marketing with PD diversity alliance b/c they're planning to have an event during postdoc appreciation week as well.

## 7. Union updates

- a. Remind everyone about the May 8<sup>th</sup> Seattle City Council Work Session ("Confronting Harassment and Discrimination at UW through Collective Bargaining") 5:30-7pm at University Friends Meeting House 4001 9<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.
- b. Continuing confusion (and misinformation) about job titles and limits on postdoc tenure. See [this memo](#).

## 8. Happy Hour / Coffee Hour updates

- a. Happy hour poster to go out online before. Next one this Thurs @ Shultz's.
- b. Turnout at last HH (following diversity alliance event) was great. ~15ppl.

## 9. Updates from Peer Mentoring Group for K99 / K-awards

- a. Updates: Going well.

## 10. AOB

- a. Budget: \$3812.30
- b. Bill talked with Jove & they may be interested in helping sponsor the research symposium. Karla will follow up with them.

## 11. Next meeting

- c. June 3rd, 9-10AM Loew 310