

UWPA General Assembly Notes

Mon, June 3, 2019 (9am): Loew 310

Attending	Unknown if Attending	Cannot Attend
Julie Van De Weghe Anzella Niraula Alexis Kaminski Tapo Bhattacharjee Rebecca Bluett Anna Ting Kim Meier		

Start time: 9:10a

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/170217226>

1. OPAL updates?

There was an email about candidates for grad school dean giving talks today, **would be good if some of us could go to the talks**. They maybe only chose full professors as candidates.

2. Updates on gift for Kelly? She'll be here for the Postdoc Luncheon June 14th & we need someone to say some words of gratitude. Certificate? Present?

To honor the postdoc mentor awardee; sponsored by Washington Research Foundation. It's at the little faculty club near here. Maybe use this opportunity to give her a certificate for either a cherry tree or donation to the foundation she's working for now.

Someone from UWPA should speak – can use language from NPA award nominations.

3. Potential events (responses from newsletter)

- a. Personal branding workshop (academic and 'alt-ac'); including linkedin, resume/cv, and website. OPA interest? Leads on someone to lead workshop?

Contacted SciPhD to get more info – pretty expensive (\$1800 + travel expenses for half-day workshop). Once a year they do a free workshop at SLU, so we should highlight that next year. Everybody keep an eye out for people, especially local.

4. Newsletter

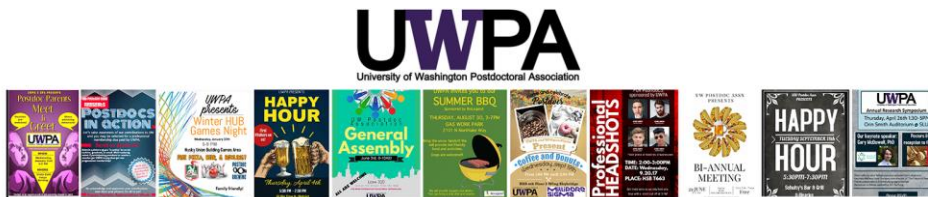
- a. Publication highlight? Publication from Julie's lab.
- b. Any known awards/grants/jobs/PD to highlight? Have a job ad from Amy Stone to include, and a few news articles.

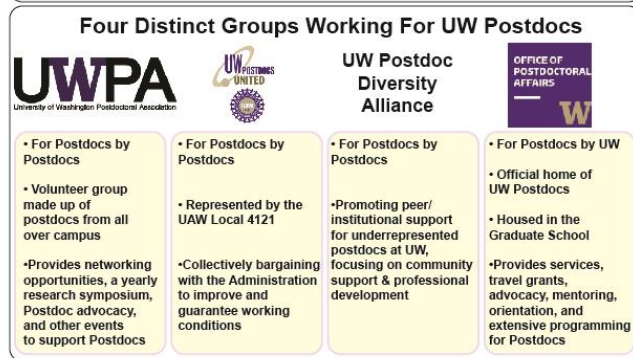
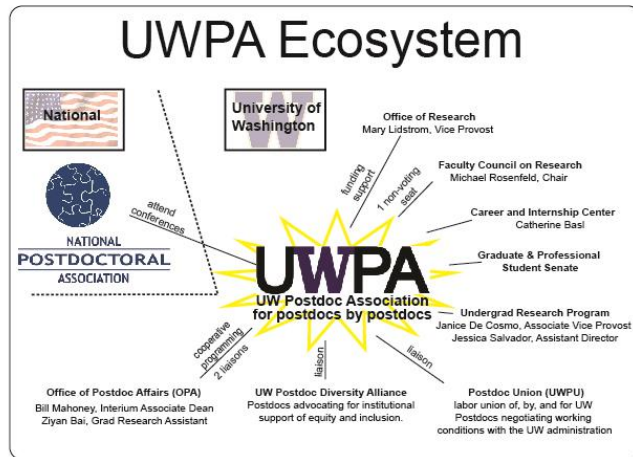
- c. Google Doc of questions to have people highlighted for new careers included below. *Additions?* Karla added 2 more interviews; one from Amazon & one faculty position.
 - i. **Please send out questions to anyone you know and we can stockpile them for slow release!** Let's aim for everyone to email at least one person with the set of questions.
ADD A SENTENCE AT THE END that says something like "Please let us know if you don't want this publicly available."
- d. PD to follow on twitter- volunteers? Do we want to keep doing this? May as well keep it going as long as we have people.

5. Website Updates?

- a. Comments?
 Have been making a bunch of updates & reorganization. Trying to get content up to date. Merging some things & trying to eliminate empty pages.
- b. Additions?

Everyone on the board send your linkedin or website or something to Tapo so he can link it on our board member page.





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6. Research symposium

- a. Location: South Campus Center Room 316, chairs for 120 classroom style
- b. Date: Friday, September 20, 12pm-6pm
- c. Updates/planning
 - i. Ideas for speaker? Send out feelers now!

7. Union updates: tentative agreement reached on the whole contract! Ratification!

Talked about salary – NIH min to start; 2% increase each year – puts above NIH for part of the time and less than NIH scale for part of the time.

If ratification moves forward – if your funding source is paying you under your level, your dept should cover the difference, if they can't, UW should help out.

THIS WEEK – need to vote on ratification, so everybody check your email & should include text from the latest email. IF you don't see an email from the union, email them – the voting links are personal.

If you look at the UC system, a lot of the things they have, they didn't get on the first round (like salary being NIH+2). Contract expires Jan 31st, 2021. We can begin renegotiation the Oct before. If negotiation takes us beyond that, the current terms hold for another year. Moving forward with the state budget, UW should be able to plan more effectively for this. UPASS should be free starting July 1, the salary changes should roll out beginning in August. Everything else should be effective immediately upon ratification.

Union dues – 1.44%; probably set up with a little getting taken out of each paycheck.

There are a bunch of informational union meetings (one every day this week) – schedule is in one of the emails.

8. Happy Hour / Coffee Hour updates

- a. Happy hour poster to go out online before
- b. Joint event with Seattle Children's maybe?
 - i. Vanessa (SCRI Liaison) talked with Christina Riley about a potential UW/SCRI happy hour on June 7th. They can pay for food if we pay for alcohol. We need clear guidelines about what we want to contribute.

SLU pays food, we pay for drinks Vanessa “I was to talk about the happy hour. I guess if UW has like tickets to controls the drinks is fine.. And give like two per person. Or we can do like a picnic happy hour and this way is also better to control the cost? What do you think?”

- b. Should we restart coffee morning? YES! Anna will host. MONDAY JUNE 10, 9:15-10AM; fishbowl room – she'll send flyer to UWPABoard account. Needs teapot for hot water. Trying to figure out how much coffee to buy, but will be able to charge directly. Once gets actual bill, will send to Becca. Anna made a flyer already. Planning to do it monthly; for now it's every 2nd Monday of the month.

9. Updates from postdoc diversity alliance?

2nd diversity statement event on July 8th – keep an eye out for more info. **Put A HOLD THE DATE statement in the newsletter.**

10. AOB

- a. Budget: \$3812.30
- b. Update on JOVE & research symposium support? Karla not here; sounds like they're still open to the idea but it's unclear. Maybe could convince them to pay

for travel for a specific speaker – seems like they'd like something specific to cover.

11. Next meeting

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