

UWPA General Assembly Notes

Mon, August 5, 2019 (9am): Loew 310

| Attending | Unknown if Attending | Cannot Attend |
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| Karla Herpoldt Anzella Niraula Kim Meier Rebecca Bluett Tina Angerer | | Julie Van de Weghe |

Time: 9:10-9:55am

1. Newsletter

- a. **Most clicks from last newsletter: An introverts guide to networking at conferences, followed by ASCB article about maximizing your postdoc**
- b. Publication highlight?
- c. Any known awards/grants/jobs/PD to highlight?
 - i. JoLS email “We would like to share the attached flyer inviting proceedings from the postdoc symposia to be published in JoLS, Journal of Life Sciences, a Postdoc community initiative. If you could also share the second flier with fellow postdocs and researchers, it will be much appreciated. We are always seeking postdocs in good standing to join the growing editorial team.”
- d. Google Doc of questions to have people highlighted for new careers included below. *Additions?*
 - i. Please send out questions to anyone you know and we can stockpile them for slow release! We’re out of interviews! Need more! Rebecca emailed to board listserv as reminder/for ease of access to questions.
- e. PD to follow on twitter- volunteers?

2. Website/Data

- a. Volunteer to ‘own’ dropbox content? – Rebecca will look into just generating an actual UWPA one & copying everything over/sending out the new links.
- b.

3. Research symposium

- a. Friday, September 20, 12pm-6pm at South Campus Center Room 316, chairs for 120 classroom style

- b. Karla working on putting things together to solicit abstracts. Hoping to get it in the next OPA newsletter.
- c. Alexis contacted Dr. Tuba Ozkan-Haller – she’s potentially willing to give a diversity-related keynote, but wants some more info. **If she’s not interested/can’t maybe we can convince the new dean to give the keynote.**
- d. JoLS email – do we want to offer the option of having symposia proceedings publishing in the Journal of Life Sciences? **Rebecca will contact them & ask for more specifics.**
- e. **Karla will reach out to bookstore b/c they usually sponsor prizes.**

4. OPAL updates

- a. OPA willing to cover any part of speaker travel? **Yes, loop Ziyang in.**
- b. Original mou for opa has expired. New dean, Joy Williamson – started June 16 – supportive of postdocs, but doesn’t want to be only person supporting financially.
- c. Postdoc appreciation week – **need to get the symposium title to Bill/Ziyang** so they can have a flier with all 4 events.

5. Union updates

- a. The \$10 membership initiation fee is currently waived for all Postdocs. No dues will be collected until late August or September: after the negotiated wage increases have gone into effect.
- b. The University has now verified that Postdocs who purchased a U-Pass starting July 1 will receive refunds, and that they have to have their systems for providing the free U-Pass in place by the August 10th paycheck.
- c. From Bill – Admin is getting appts coded so they look right in workday, process seems slow b/c some proportion of postdocs need individualized treatment.

6. Updates from postdoc diversity alliance

Hi Julie,

I hope you're well. I heard about these "Growing up in science" talks (<https://www.cns.nyu.edu/events/growingupinscience/unofficial.html#BiancaJonesMarlin>) and thought it could be something great to bring to UW.

Perhaps this is something we could organize through UWPA. I CC'ed Kim and Cecilia, both members of the Postdoc Diversity Alliance, that I (think) I've talked to about this idea. I'd love to help organize a monthly recurring series like this. I think it could be a great way to build

resilience and community in the UW postdoc, grad student, and faculty community in a way that crosses disciplinary lines.

The website has some information that we could use to start a series locally: (<https://www.cns.nyu.edu/events/growingupinscience/getinvolved.html>) and recommends having a faculty member as a (co-)moderator to help with asking tough questions or asking faculty to go into more depth on personal issues. UW has a resilience lab (<https://wellbeing.uw.edu/unit/resilience-lab/>) that organizes an annual fail forward event (<https://wellbeing.uw.edu/resilience-lab/fail-forward/>). I missed it this year, but perhaps we could tap into their resources for monthly speakers?

What do you think of this idea? I'd appreciate your thoughts, questions, and suggestions and would be happy to meet offline to discuss more.

Bill: what do you think of a series of events like this? Who do you think might be faculty that we could reach out to that would be interested in (co-)moderating a series like this? What other faculty or staff affinity groups do you think might be interested in supporting this?

Warm regards, Ayo

Julie: I think this sounds like a great idea! I'm in favor of supporting Ayo if he'd like to organize (co-organizer or team?). We could advertise in the newsletter and provide some financial support. Other thoughts?

Everybody wants more info/time to look at the resources Ayo provided here, but seem generally supportive.

7. Parenting group updates

- a. Union working group is starting to compile people to talk about how to disperse the childcare funds. Karla will send a list of the parenting group postdocs to Kim.

8. Happy Hour / Coffee Hour updates

- a. Postdoc appreciation week – need to switch happy hour day to not conflict with other events.
- b. Karla will check in with Andrew Valentine about HH this week.

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

- a. K99 group going good with 1 member just accepted faculty position & *likely* awarded a career transition grant (K22?) and another member with *likely* funded K99!

- b. Also, JCV gave interview to some writing an article in Nature Careers about peer mentoring at UW
- c. F32 peer mentoring group: Ran the first add last month in the newsletter

10. AOB

- a. Budget: \$3642.32 – Rebecca needs to send new letter asking for next year's budget
- b. Life Sciences just asked us to continue to sponsor them for 2020= another \$2000

11. Next meeting

- c. Date: Monday, September 9, 4-5PM Loew 310.

We need someone to man the table 11-1:30 on Sept 26th (just collecting emails for listserv & spreading awareness of UWPA. –Rebecca will be there – would love company.

From: Katie@LifeScienceExhibits.com <katie@lifescienceexhibits.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:06 AM

To: Julie C Van De Weghe <julievdw@uw.edu>

Subject: LSE - 2020 Events

Hi Julie,

I hope this email finds you well and you are having a great summer so far! I just wanted to reach out to remind you that we will have a table set up for you at our upcoming event on **September 26, 2019**. The show hours will run from 11:00A - 1:30P, with set-up for you starting at 9:30A.

I also wanted to let you know that we are in the process of booking our 2020 calendar and I am going to be submitting requests for two 2020 events. If you are able, we would love to have you sponsor our events again next year and as in the past, we would send you the sponsorship check and provide you a complimentary table at each event!

Today I will only be submitting a request for the first event date of February 27, 2020 with set-up on February 26, 2020. I will need to wait until September 26, 2019 to put in the request for the second event date of September 26, 2020 with set-up on September 25, 2020 as they only accept special events request one year prior to the requested date.

Thanks so much for your assistance, it is a pleasure working with you each year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you, Julie. Have a great day!