UWPA General Assembly Notes

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

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Start time: 4:05-4:55

1. **Event Updates:**
   a. Headshots + Board Elections – **Jan 15**th. **Molecular Engineering 115 2-4p (room booked 1-5p).**
      i. Will need to book time slots, can reuse spreadsheet from last year.
      1. Karla will handle elections. We decided we should do executive board elections during headshots & then general board member elections during HUB night to hopefully increase new PD participation.
   b. Pick books for raffle (entries linked to email submission of more postdoc programming/event ideas? – Rebecca already put into newsletter draft, will need to be edited). Will buy books after see what participation looks like. If not much, people can pick their books. If get a good number, will do genuine random raffle with ~5 books.
      i. The Effective Scientist – donated by Rebecca ($24 [https://www.amazon.com/dp/1316620859])
      ii. **At the Helm** -- $61 ([www.amazon.com/dp/0879698667/]) – author lives in Seattle, could be good speaker to have
      iii. An Evidence-based Guide to College and University Teaching: Developing the Model Teacher -- $44 ([https://www.amazon.com/dp/1138915254])
      v. The Professor Is In: The Essential Guide To Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job -- $13 ([https://www.amazon.com/dp/0553419420/])
      vi. Grit $10 ([https://www.amazon.com/dp/1501111116/])

c. Immigration Info Event? Alexis still working on it.


e. HUB night after OPA orientation? Jan 28/Jan 30? – plug any remaining board positions after elections. Karla will email Ziyan. Maybe stay in same room as orientation rather than doing the bowling b/c that’s been expensive and not widely appreciated/enjoyed in the past.

2. Website
   a. Works again – thanks, Tapo!!
   b. Need to upload a batch of Meeting Minutes.

3. Newsletter
   a. Publication highlight?
   b. Any known awards/grants/jobs/PD to highlight?
   c. Google Doc of questions to have people highlighted for new careers included below. Additions? Kim added one.
      i. Please send out questions to anyone you know and we can stockpile them for slow release!
   d. PD to follow on twitter- volunteers?
   e. PLUG ELECTIONS on the top.
   f. Rebecca added a link to a website called Personal Finance for PhDs with resources to help PDs figure out what they’re supposed to do about taxes since UW stopped withholding for PDs on ‘stipends’. Add line about contacting the union if you’re struggling with this.
   g. Also a link to article the SECURE Act passing which will allow PDs on stipends to contribute to retirement accounts like IRAs.
   h. Postdoc Academy Class with Rebecca facilitating in person version. If get several people, can go ahead and do coffee or snacks depending on timing.
   i. K99 peer mentoring group – add link back in. Ayo planning to lead, Kim & Rebecca joining.
   j. Consider reformatting some – shorten up some of the taller things & possibly use columns to reduce required scrolling & hopefully get more newsletter engagement.

Union updates

k. Union is going to hire a tax lawyer to help people out with their complicated tax situations.
l. There’s another meeting later this week.

4. Updates from postdoc diversity alliance

5. Parenting group – Karla will make a doc to hopefully spur the creation of the faq doc to put on website. Got interest in a parenting playdate, so will definitely have to plan that for the spring. Hopefully will get someone more active to head the group up before then.

6. OPAL – probably should have an OPAL meeting soon so we can get some updates & find out if there’s anything we can do to support the OPA in the near future.

7. AOB
   a. Budget: $6407.03
   b. Using last 8 month avg happy hour cost x12 ~$1000
   c. HUB nights ~$850
   d. Parenting Mixer Event ~$300
   e. Headshots ~$400
   f. Symposium ~$1000
   g. Have ~2k to spend, ideally would like to increase PD engagement. Need ideas.
      Perhaps smallish community-building events?
   h. GET A TABLECLOTH.

8. Next meeting
   i. Feb 3rd, 9-10AM Loew 310

Action Items

Karla handling headshot scheduling & executive board elections. Should email current board members to determine if they are interested in maintaining their positions, or trying out new ones, or not. Also buying a UWPA tablecloth to use at events.

Rebecca will keep track of incoming raffle entries/event ideas & report back next month. Also facilitating the in person meeting for the Postdoc Academy online course.

Alexis will upload a batch of stuff & play around with creating an online poll to use for the general board member elections.