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OPA Meeting Minutes

02/20/14 OPA Board Meeting Minutes Snell Hall 416

Members present: Rebecca Hutchinson, Sumit Saha, Dave Dickson, Sascha Hallett, Robert Kokenyesi, and Yasmeen Nkrumah-Elie

Absences: Doni Schwalm, Linnéa Andersson, Jim Rivers

- I. Meeting called to order** at 2:10 pm by Rebecca Hutchinson
- II. Roll call**
- III. Reading and approval of the minutes**
Corrections: Rebecca made the corrections in the last meeting's minutes
Motion: to approve the minutes from the January OPA board meeting
Vote: motion carried
Resolved: January 2014 meeting minutes were approved
- IV. Officer and Committee Reports**
 - a) Treasurer's Report**
No report was presented
 - b) Active Committee Reports**
 - i. PAW Planning Committee**
No report was presented
 - ii. IEP Committee**
The IEP committee report was presented (attachment # 1)
 - iii. Professional Development Committee**
No report was presented
 - iv. Welcome Committee**
No report was presented
 - v. Social Events Committee**
No report was presented
- V. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Bylaws changes. (Yasmeen)



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Yasmeen will work on that and keep us posted. Possibility for online voting was discussed.

- b. Proposal for travel award funds from the grad school. (Dave)
Annual travel/research award. Need initial capital from Grad school. Need dues to apply for travel award.
- c. Updates from search committee for Barb's replacement. (Jim-unable to attend)
Jim's report was presented (attachment # 2)
- d. News: Rebecca and Sumit will attend the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) National Meeting in St. Louis on April 4-6. Rebecca got travel award from NPA. Sumit will be funded by Graduate School. We are not presenting any poster this time.
- e. PhD movie report. (Sumit)
The turnout was good for the PhD movie. Popcorn, cookies and soda were provided before the movie.

VI. New Business

- a. New social event planning
Coffee with a faculty member idea was discussed. Yasmeen proposed to Prof. Emily Ho but she will be available in April. Robert will ask Prof. Doug Keszler from the Department of Chemistry, whether he will be available for this event during March. This event will be once a month. "Coffee & Conversation" title was suggested for this event. Robert mentioned this event may enhance collaboration between departments.

Motion: to approve the budget of \$100 for cookies and coffee for the event
Vote: motion carried

Resolved: a budget of \$100 was approved for this event

- Microproduct Breakthrough Institute (MBI) visit will be held next Thursday (February 27th, 2014). Sign up link was sent from Barbara earlier in the newsletter. Barbara will send that again this week. We have to promote the event. This event is specific to postdoctoral students.
- Discussion on having more free food for publicity; Need to send email to postdoc community two weeks before the event; Robert suggested to use Outlook Calendar for events while Sumit suggested to use Facebook page to create events in future.
- Discussion on promoting OPA website. We can ask Barbara to put the link of our webpage in the newsletter.

- b. OPA mugs. (Doni-unable to attend)
Postponed

VII. Open Forum

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm



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Attachment 1: OPA Committee Report

Name: Industrial Exploration Program (IEP)

Mission: Explore alternative career paths to academia and connect PhD-level researchers with Oregon industries, businesses, and agencies.

Chair: Linnéa Andersson

Members: Linnéa Andersson, Barb Bond, Dave Dickson, Rebecca Hutchinson, Maciej Maselko

Date: 20 February, 2014

Report:

The first IEP visit will take place on Thursday February 27 at MBI, an effort coordinated by Barb.

The Graduate School has agreed to sponsor the IEP panel discussions by covering the costs for the rooms.

A panel discussion on "Career paths outside academia" has been scheduled for Wednesday March 12, 10-11 am. Three professionals will participate: Abbie Kimerling (OSU alumna, now at ImTech), Dave Dickson (previously OSU postdoc, now with OSU OCCD), and Greg Long (previously assoc prof at Minnesota State university, now with HP).

Linnea met with Bill Cowell, who is the CTO/Founder of Amorphyx Inc with a 20 years background at Intel and currently a postdoc at OSU. The contact was established thanks to Robert K. Bill was very interested and agreed to participate as panel member on a panel discussion regarding R&D in industry.

Linnea met with Steve Tesch and Robert McGorin, HOD of Food Science and Technology with over 20 years of experience in the food sector. Robert was interested in IEP and agreed to participate in a panel on R&D in industry.

A second panel discussion on R&D in industry is planned for April. Confirmed panel members: Bill Cowell, Robert McGorin, and Laura Kramer (HP).

A third panel discussion may take place in May on research in government agencies.

Items for discussion at the board meeting: N/A



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Attachment 2: Report from Search committee for Barb's replacement

Jim's Report:

One thing that's worth noting in the OPA meeting is that the position title for the search committee I'm on is not for Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Programs. Instead it is for an Associate Dean who has oversight for the postdocs as part of their position (40%), as well as duties within the Graduate School. They are looking for someone who can help bring in funding for broader initiatives that includes postdocs and grad students. This is because it's a 0.50FTE position with funding from the Research Office and Graduate School. I'm not sure if this is consistent with the PD for Barb's position, or if it's changed. Regardless, I wanted to give you and the rest of OPA a heads up in that the duties of Barb's replacement will not solely be focused on postdocs.



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OPA 2014

Jan – 2nd grad student seminar (publishing)

Feb – PhD movie, MBI visit

Mar – IEP panel (careers outside academia)

Apr – NPA national meeting, 3rd grad student seminar (peer review), IEP panel (R&D in industry)

May – IEP panel? (Govt. agencies)

Jun – Barb retires

Jul –

Aug –

Sep – NPAW (15-19), form election committee

Oct – election nominations

Nov – town hall meeting, elections

Dec –

To be scheduled:

- Spring Picnic (June 7th, 2014?)
- OPAW (concurrent with NPAW this year – no conflict with orientation?)
- Travel award plans? (discuss after proposal)
- Annual report – for town hall meeting