

March 2017
PDFA Executive Meeting
Location ECHA 2-125
Thursday, March 16, 1500-1600
Agenda

In attendance:

Kate, Richard, Camille, Abhi, Jessica.

Bing- is in China

Anni-was unavailable

Xiaozhou, Wei-missing without notice.

Update-Wei arrived while discussing item 5.

Agenda

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Approval of Previous two Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Run into Dr. Joe Sparling (Outgoing CAP chair) (Richard)**
- 4. Faculty and Staff Orientation-March 20th (Kate)**
 - **Volunteers? (see email for details)**
- 5. Picking dates for Research Date (Richard)**
 - **Let's pick a few dates between end of September and beginning November (I am in touch with Dr. Glen Baker regarding location)**
- 6. Fundraising (Camille)**
 - **Can we start picking groups or adding groups?**
 - **After April 17th fundraising is a "go"**
- 7. Travel Award Update (Abhilash)**
- 8. BBQ in Summer (Richard)**
 - **Think of dates and location in the Summer**
 - **Site needs to be booked early**
- 9. Postdoctoral Fellow Parental Leave (PFPL) Initiative (Richard)**
- 10. Other Business**
 - **Town hall Meeting, Faculty specific gathering etc**

11. Adjournment

Notes

1. **Approval of Agenda-Approved**
2. **Approval of Previous two Meeting Minutes -Approved**
3. **Run into Dr. Joe Sparling (Outgoing CAP chair) (Richard)**

Richard was at a conference....talked to Joe Sparling about benefits. Richard tried hard previously to add vision care to PDF benefit package. The deal did not go through and we are not privy to the reason for the rejection. Vision care issue should be set aside for the time being, this exec will focus on PFPL (Item 9 of this meeting)

4. **Faculty and Staff Orientation-March 20th (Kate)**

- **Volunteers. Camille and Anni.
Camille currently has the poster/banner.
Will print our pdfa email and website out on cards.
Kate will confirm with the organizers regarding details of the market on march 20th.**

5. **Picking dates for Research Date (Richard)**

- **Let's pick a few dates between end of September and beginning November (I am in touch with Dr. Glen Baker regarding location)
Nov 5-11 sometime?
We need to suggest 3 alternative dates to Glen, we pick the following:
Oct-26
Nov-2rd
Nov-9th <- optimal date**

We need to start looking for an external speaker. We usually have 2 internal (and also free) speakers and one external speaker that we pay for.

6. **Fundraising (Camille)**

- **Can we start picking groups or adding groups?**
- **After April 17th fundraising is a "go"**

Camille has made a folder on google drive it needs to be update, please go there and add the contacts you know in your department and put your name beside it. For the contacts that are already there, Camille will update them and then delegate them to us.

We will discuss the updates and be notified of the delegation next meeting (april), we will start with emailing immediately after that meet. We will compile the results of our efforts the following meeting (May).

Jessica is working on writing up an application to the health and wellness grant to help fund a bbq. We discussed a bit how this would look. We need to show that the event will have structure related to health and wellness.

7. Travel Award Update (Abhilash)

26 applications. 7 faculty judges. 11 postdoc.

Judges external to the PDFA are important in this round because Anni has applied. Exec will not judge any this round.

Abdi will send the applications around to judges soon.

Richard will change passwords to our resources so that Anni's access is temporarily removed.

Travel awards will be discussed and decided at the next meeting, Anni will step out of the room for this.

8. BBQ in Summer (Richard)

Wei is thinking about this.

The first step is picking a date and booking a location. We are thinking July-August.

Tickets to the event are sold about 3 weeks before the event.

9. Postdoctoral Fellow Parental Leave (PFPL) Initiative (Richard)

In BC postdocs are classified as employees if contracted by academic PIs, but as Trainees if they are funded by external bursary. Employee PDFs can get some supplementary PL, trainees can not.

Richard is planning to meet the university president to discuss putting aside a fund to supplement PFPL.

10. Other Business

- **Town hall Meeting, Faculty specific gathering etc**

Richard is still thinking about this. Jess is in favour of having all PDFs together rather than splitting by faculty.

Abhi asked about CPP and EI, we will discuss this in a future meeting.

11. Adjournment-approved.

