

PDA Meeting 5/7/2021

- New Professional Development Award co-chair: Daria Ivanova
- Outreach committee (Lauren)
 - Postdoc emergency fund
 - Letter that talks about issues we (postdocs) face, incl. financial insecurity
 - She and Dylan have drafted letter for review
 - Looking for other postdocs, faculty, etc. to sign on
 - Will share link to shared doc for feedback
 - Can then meet again to discuss edits
 - Get edits in by ~2 weeks
 - Women in STEM family building workshop was yesterday
 - Recorded and will be posted on Women in STEM website
- Year-end Town Hall (Julie)
 - 1-2 Powerpoint slides per person to “sum up” year’s work
 - Also will have elections
 - Please let Julie know if you’d like to stay for next year
 - Esp. president – usually elected internally but if no volunteers then need external person
 - Typically will have in June sometime (week of June 21st?)
 - Will send out email next week or so
- Professional Development Award committee (Maureen)
 - Only 3 applications for travel awards since last cycle ended (end of Apr), all been scored
 - Deciding how to award, e.g. can we award to all 3? (ans = yes, if they merit awards)
 - Still have 5 un-awarded grants – we can’t roll over (simply lost on June 30th)
- Department Rep program (Allison)
 - Will send out survey in next week or two
 - Compiled “Welcome PDF” for incoming postdocs for existing rep’s (pictures, maps, interests, etc.)
 - P4P program – people volunteered to create short videos on topics over next month, will be rolled out in about a month
 - Maybe include Welcome PDF on website?
- Finance (Alex)
 - Funding for PDRD
 - Est. 40% of 2019 spending
 - VCR’s office = \$4000 (not adjusted)
 - Graduate school = \$2400 (adjusted)
 - Haven’t heard from Provost – will need to email again
 - PDA Funds
 - Budget updated
 - Currently ~\$4,400 unallocated (accounting for already allocated funds)
 - No POTM for July/Aug but money is allocated – extra for May/June?
 - Currently 4 x \$25 to spend (May-Aug)
 - Also: \$200 unspent from Survey GCs

- Could spend money for Town Hall, buy swag to give out at PDRD/Town Hall, etc.
- Engagement committee (Deb)
 - We don't have POTM for last year's July/Aug
 - Double up instead for May/June
 - Have a LOT of new submissions (>10 emails)
 - We can also pre-pay for the cooking classes for classes following end of FY to help use up extra funds (will arrange with Alex, Betty Downes, et al)
 - Gathered handouts/PDFs from NPA – will be sent as OneDrive link and uploaded to PDA server
 - Idea from other universities – poster of POTM with “interview” type questions: “What motivated them?”, “What inspires them?”, etc.
 - Record short interview with our POTM awardees (“Video Spotlight”)
 - One possible award – conference stay at hotel? E.g. Expedia gift card? To support in-person attendance at conferences
 - How would we be able to ensure that it's spent on educational uses vs vacation?
 - How to distinguish from the Travel Award?
- Diversity & International Officer (Joselyn)
 - Emailed two people about position – one didn't respond, other turned position down
 - One person is feasible for position, but 2nd person is optimal
 - Town Hall: will try to recruit another person
- Seminar series/PDRD chair (Wyatt)
 - Last seminar yesterday, no more scheduled at the moment
 - More PDRD meetings will be scheduled shortly