

## YPA OPEN FORUM

### Chairs: [20 min]

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- Erin: Cc chairs on emails when emailing administration or people/offices outside of YPA
- 1. Chair election procedure (Erin)
  - Each committee should have one coordinator that is turning over
  - Maikel: If you think someone in your committee is suitable, reach out to that person and talk to them
- 2. New coordinators/New Chair of YPA (Erin)
  - Turnover every six months
  - Maikel's year will be up
  - Electing new chair soon
  - Plan to use same process as for previous election
  - Declare candidacy May 12<sup>th</sup>; blurbs go out May 25<sup>th</sup>; election June 1-7; June 9<sup>th</sup> announce at meeting
  - Must have served on YPA board for a year to be eligible for chair position – email chairs and cc Yale YPA account
  - Maikel: Feel free to contact chairs to discuss or with any suggestions/ideas about elections; Last time was the first time using this election process and it went well
  - Sean: Can we use Yale authentication service so only those at Yale can answer
  - Someone: Through OPA – ARS not included on that listserv
  - Lina: Can ask to be sent to ARS and postdoctoral scholars
- 3. YPA Gmail Account (Erin)
  - Procedure, password/login are in YPA executive handbook
  - If it's your first time logging in, coordinate with Erin
- 4. Title IX Liaison: Jordon (Erin)
  - Introduced
  - Will help organize events through Title IX office
  - First event will be orientation for Title IX office and what they do
- 5. OCS Training on Entrepreneurship (Maikel)
  - Tom Galinsky is providing training on entrepreneurship; initially a few hours workshop; open for postdoctoral scholars who specifically want to start own company; guiding through that process and phase in career; will help you through steps of setting up company
- 6. Donations of our budget OPA x Provost (Maikel)
  - Not spending budget as we should because of quarantine
  - Asked if we can carry over money, and they said no; there will be a lot of cuts including for Provost's office
  - Should try to spend the money we have now, by end of June
  - Check with Provost's office if we want to pay for something; can't buy gift cards, etc.
  - Summer: Can we possibly use funds as reparations for cancelled travel?
  - Not sure; this is a new situation, will have to check regarding new ideas
- 7. Postdoctoral scholars volunteering for public health campaign (Maikel)
  - People are doing a good job helping, volunteering
  - List is on YPA page
  - With Anne have been putting together social media public health campaign targeted to young adults regarding best practices
  - Anne's lab has put together a public health worker appreciation

- Anyone can help spend 1-3 hours/week with social media campaign and supporting locally in terms of informational events, etc.
- [https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkqhXPIDDq6sEoJYLmMAaBq1XRK2Opf\\_XgB\\_FwN1x4VVuhTA/viewform?ts=5e8de949](https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkqhXPIDDq6sEoJYLmMAaBq1XRK2Opf_XgB_FwN1x4VVuhTA/viewform?ts=5e8de949)

### **Advocacy: [4 min]**

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#### 1. Zoom Yoga Classes by Alysa (Chantal)

- Would like to hold online/Zoom events to help people stay busy
- Working on putting together workshop on psychology with 2 visiting scholars, which will focus on how to be happy during these difficult times
- This yoga class will be taught by Alysa:
  - o Alysa: This is a basic 60 minute beginner's yoga class; she is a registered yoga teacher. Will include grounding, breathing, etc. Registration link is on the slack channel and social media.
  - o Lina: Will send out an email as well.
  - o Alysa: Registration is on a Google Form. Must fill out waiver. Zoom link will be sent out tomorrow to everyone.
  - o Jessica: Thanks for doing this.

### **Communications: [5 min]**

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#### 1. Communications statistics from March 2020 (Lina)

- Got positive feedback with newsletter; 70% clicks on breaking into biotech industry
- Increase in clicks/shares on Facebook, though decreased engagement on some things
- Twitter – worst social media engagement – steady but low

### **Community and Networking Committee: [5 min]**

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#### 1. Happ-E-Hours (Peppe)

- Twice a month
- Pretty good turnout
- Wednesday's will be moved to Friday so it doesn't overlap with yoga class

#### 2. 2020 Art in Research Contest (Peppe)

- With Soumya and Gaurav
- Already have a couple submissions
- Pretty different from before b/c it is focused on covid-19 this time
- Two categories on covid-19: One on life in quarantine and one is on the virus itself
- In collaboration with provost's office
  
- Idea in last Happ-E Hour from Mark - some foods are tough to find, it would be nice to create document of stuff to share with others
- Maikel: Biggest challenge is setting up and regulating – if too public, may be difficult; maybe couple with ride share
- Will think about it further
- Maikel – Maybe do it in Slack so it's also closed off or email

### **Professional Development Committee: [7 min]**

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#### 1. Update on Social Media Bootcamp (Eric)

- Ran two Mondays ago
- Went through LinkedIn
- Tuki did a Twitter segment.

- Held breakout rooms
  - Willing to help out others with online workshops
2. Virtual Pint of Science idea (Eric)
    - Hoping to run a couple of different events
    - Summer and Anne started this months ago.
    - Summer: Held it once last July, was difficult to get a venue
    - Don't need a venue now!
    - Maybe one of the Happ-E Hours can be a virtual Pint of Science involving 5 or 10 minute talks.
    - Jordon: The Symposium subcommittee has a poll to see if people want to do their talks online, so maybe those individuals can present here.
  3. Prizes and use of remaining funds (Eric)
    - This can be done online/slack
    - Ways to use resources to buy equipment but putting it back into event type funds (in the future)
    - Have food for events and other stuff to incentivize participation; Maikel – maybe we can think of cross-committee or other community events

### **Symposium: [4 min]**

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1. Decision to postpone (Jordon)
  - No decision has been made in terms of whether it is cancelled or if it will be rescheduled for the fall
  - Sent out a poll to gauge interest in online event
  - Humanities center was the venue, no money was associated with it
  - Erin: Are there any deposits being lost?
  - No, because catering hadn't yet been planned and venue deposit wasn't due yet

### **Treasury: [5 min]**

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1. FY 2020 budget updates (Alysa)
  - Remainder: \$3300
  - Let's try to spend it
  - Went through a breakdown of how much each committee has left to use
2. Rolling over the budget to FY 2021 (Alysa)
  - Discussed earlier

### **Open Forum - Questions/Comments: [10 min]**

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1. Erin: Slack channel is a great vehicle for discussion, so let coordinators or chairs know if you want to be added to it.
  - Maikel: Also let them know if you are interested in being a coordinator.
2. Sean: "YPA COVID-19 Outreach Retrospective"
  - Results of postdoc COVID-19 response survey
  - Had a great response rate
  - Gave timeline and context of what occurred in terms of the postdoctoral community
  - Sent out survey
  - The essential point was that the messaging was confusing and insufficient
  - Erin/Maikel – organizing information session together; also released the statement regarding xenophobia
  - Erin: We also want to recognize Sam Dundon, former chair, for helping with the survey.
3. Maikel: A lot of postdocs are isolated, so if you can, please try to attend the Happ-E Hours to talk to and engage with other postdocs.

4. To everyone: Please stay well