

YPA OPEN FORUM

Chairs: [5 min]

- Welcoming remarks [Maikel and Sam]
- Meeting with Director of Schwarzman Center [Maikel]
 - Dedicated storage or meeting space needed
 - Will meet with Garth Ross (Schwarzman Center Director) tomorrow regarding using this space
 - If this doesn't work out, will get help from the Office of Provost

Guest Speaker: [5 min] [Aditi Joshi]

- Peer mentorship groups among Yale MDs
 - MDs don't have support group; have clinical background, start as postdoc without research experience; looking for what YPA could do for MD postdocs; she can be the liaison to MDs
 - Poll might be helpful to ask what MDs want/need from YPA
 - Have a social event to invite people and brainstorm
 - Committees should think about how to include MD postdocs
 - Looking for professional development; can meet with Eric and Chantal
 - Would like a workshop for putting together application for residency

Mentorship Committee: [10 min] [Mancy & Summer]

- Peer mentoring groups – reworking curriculum; feedback and suggestions welcomed
 - Started in collaboration with office of career strategies, for various career discussions such as how to write a CV/resume for non-academic positions
 - Lena (non-academic), Asha (academic)
 - Self-organized, 1 meeting/month, with 5-6 postdocs, discussion
 - Started in February
 - Started from 40, high attrition; now trying to get feedback
 - first two meetings good until April, May/June no time to coordinate meetings [Lina]
 - Complaint on evaluation form: not enough people for group; will not be able to have a final evaluation of this group
 - Will change format of 4 sessions
 - Elevator pitches
 - Resumes/CV/cover letters
 - Networking, informational interviews
 - Interviews and negotiation (feedback: usually not ready for this)
 - Can separate people based on stage of job search
 - Maybe can set up first two sessions for the groups and let them manage last two on their own
 - Maybe have incentive for completing like YPA peer-to-peer mentoring certificate for CV [Maikel]
- Difficult conversation workshop feedback
 - 2 weeks, 2 hours in morning on Thursdays
 - Capped at 20, 40 signed up (full waitlist)
 - Two people from waitlist showed up, but 2 in class didn't show up [Mancy]
 - Positive feedback
 - Could use card scanner in future, but it doesn't give notice if someone is there who shouldn't be [Maikel]

Treasury Committee: [3 min] [Sam]

- YPA swag order
 - Another round of orders for swag (t-shirts and fleeces)
 - Instructions for payment on google form (through PayPal, but don't need PayPal)
 - Alex will send out form again
 - Handout during postdoc appreciation week

Community and Networking Committee: [8 min] [Liz]

- Preview of summer events
 - Postdoc social next week at Bar on Friday with dedicated space
 - Salsa – check Facebook page for location
 - New activities – share your ideas and/or join the committee!
 - Event ideas: BBQ? Wine tasting? Paint/wine? Escape room? Pumpkin picking?
 - Looking for a new liaison for Chaplain's Office (Including Rivendell)
 - Advertisement for Shut up and write – GPSCY

Advocacy Committee: [5 min] [Erin]

- Emotional wellness consultation from Eunice Chen
 - Child-psych fellow will have consulting/workshop
 - Advertised soon; sign up on her calendar
 - Located at Asian-American cultural center
 - Let us know if there is anything you are interested in seeing from her such as workshops on emotional wellness

Professional Development Committee: [8 min] [Eric & Chantal]

- Academic writing series
 - Next three weeks' foci:
 - Teaching statement
 - Diversity statement
 - Research statement
 - CTL is running this
 - Different people each week
 - Suzanne Young is doing one
 - Registration link on newsletter
 - ~Unlimited space
 - Hope for annual or per-semester
 - Suzanne is happy to start anything we'd like (they are also slower in the summer, so can plan a lot at this time)
- You can start new events with Eric and Chantal

Communications: [5 min] [Sheng-Nan]

- New coordinator – Lina
- New social media manager – Anderson – Twitter (140 followers even though we don't really tweet anything, only started last year), Facebook (300 likes on page, 1200 members in group)
- Report on website/Facebook traffic
 - Post stuff at beginning of month with newsletter
 - Will start to do weekly to draw attention and advertise more effectively
 - 850 get newsletter (50% open, so is big for advertising)
 - Website traffic – every day have a few

Open Forum: [10 min]

- Open the floor to ideas, questions and comments from Postdocs
- Changed meeting name to open forum to make meeting more inviting
- YPA can help people start any ideas for workshops, events, etc.
- Is there a form to communicate with a committee anonymously? No. Can build an anonymous feedback form – can add these items to the open forum discussion
- In newsletter: link to fill out form if anyone wants to let us know something
- Monthly meeting announcement can have that link to let us know if you'd like us to discuss something