

November 21, 2019
PDA meeting agenda

1. Diversity and Inclusion:
 - a. Dissemination plan for Postdoc charge letter written by Mike Mazzotta and Amy Van Cise
2. Health Insurance:
 - a. Creating and conveying information sheet for new postdocs written by Janet Fields
 - b. Focus on how to help different types of postdocs – scholar, fellow, investigator – and foreign nationals and J visa requirements
3. Events: Happy hour, coffee hour, movie night, activity group, workshops
 - a. Happy hour - Michelle
 - b. Coffee hour - Nick
 - c. Movie night - Nadja
 - d. Activity group - Eily and Simon
4. Upcoming workshops:
 - a. Negotiation and Interviewing workshop for academic jobs
 - b. Negotiation and interviewing workshop for non-academic jobs
 - c. Potential additional event on chalk talks (if interest)
5. Committees: diversity, climate, international, workplace... are postdocs being represented?
 - a. Ed Council
 - b. Sustainability
 - c. International
 - d. CommuniTea on Dec 4 at 1 pm (Workplace Climate Committee)
 - e. Women's Committee
6. Topics that the current PDA would like to emphasize:
 - a. Being active together: organizing outdoor/active events like climbing, running, hiking, etc.
 - b. Onboarding/offboarding process: reduce health insurance headache (especially for scholars/fellows), encourage postdoc 'buddy' system when postdocs start, extending computational access to 3-6 months after leaving WHOI, others?
 - c. Encouraging non-PDA members to be active in postdoc events
7. Other upcoming events
 - a. January breakfast -- Advisors, post docs, ed coordinators, Mark/Rick, Meg will be in attendance