

## TUPA Business Meeting Agenda – September 16, 2020

**Attendees:** Emily Abbott, Battuya Bayarmagnai, Sarah Beganskas, Emily Booth, Achinta Bordoloi, Helene Khalid, Anna-Mariya Kukuyan, Jason Pattis, Kelly Whelan, Jennica Young

**\*Items in bold are opportunities to participate/volunteer**

**Agenda** (planned agenda in black; outcomes in blue)

1. Approve last month's meeting minutes (Sarah)
  - a. Approved
2. Introduce new committee members and Dr. Kelly Whelan as our faculty advisor (Sarah + Battuya)
  - a. Kelly is our official new faculty advisor--thank you for your support!
  - b. Kelly is excited about the postdoc association in general, and particularly re: our outreach and anti-racism subcommittees
3. Election for new Communications Officer, Emily Abbott (Sarah)
  - a. Emily Abbott has been unanimously elected, congrats!
4. Announcement of Committee vacancies (Sarah)
  - a. **Committee members encouraged**
  - b. **Events coordinator—work with Jennica to coordinate social and professional development events**
  - c. **Co-president—work with Sarah to run monthly meetings, manage documents and communications, etc.**
  - d. **E-mail [tupa@temple.edu](mailto:tupa@temple.edu) with interest for any of these!**
5. Budget update: State of accounts (Helene)
  - a. Funds will be housed under OVPR (Office of the Vice President for Research)
  - b. Matt DiMarco will be our Business Manager
  - c. Annual budget of \$5000 from OVPR; unused funds can be carried over
  - d. Current funds: \$5000 from OVPR, \$500 from ISSS, \$200 from BioEng
  - e. Pending \$500 disbursement for career workshop moderated by Vania Cao, Ph.D.
  - f. Kelly suggests asking PIs more aggressively for donations, as they benefit from our work directly
  - g. Anna-Mariya suggested a virtual half marathon event as a TUPA fundraiser
6. Planning this year's budget (Helene + Jennica)
  - a. Career related speakers/workshops: ~2x/yr, \$1500 allocation
  - b. Health and Wellness: 1-2x/yr, \$150 allocation
  - c. TUPA professional development: \$100 allocation by request for postdocs who apply
  - d. **Potential new subcommittee to help approve funding opportunities. Volunteers for subcommittee encouraged to get in touch!**
7. Outreach subcommittee update (Sarah + Jennica)
  - a. Project 1: Compiling virtual K-12 education resources with OVPR
    - i. Website is live
    - ii. **Volunteers needed to distribute website to teachers, add resources to spreadsheet, help write blog posts, help add features to website**

- b. Project 2: connect with local (or otherwise) classrooms via Skype a Scientist
      - i. Jason suggested that we connect with his friend Sarah (founder of Skype a Scientist) to follow up about matching Temple postdocs with local classrooms
      - ii. Planning on regular check-ins throughout project.
      - iii. **Please consider signing up for this fun outreach opportunity!**
      - iv. Kelly suggested we look at the NSF initiative for informal science education initiatives. More information here:  
<https://www.informalscience.org/projects/funding/nsf-aisl>
- 8. Antiracism subcommittee update (Emily B)
  - a. E-mail signature to get the word out and let members know how to reach us
  - b. Resources list includes on-campus and web resources
  - c. NPA webinar went well, but low attendance. More targeted talks/workshops in the future—**suggestions welcome!**
  - d. Outreach:
    - i. will work with other departments on events and shared resources.
    - ii. sending email in next week or 2 to re-introduce committee, solicit feedback and recruit new members
    - iii. consider collaboration between outreach and anti-racism subcommittees
  - e. Academic Twitter, #blackintheivory—added to resource list
  - f. Subcommittee could help with TUPA Twitter
- 9. Upcoming events (Jennica + Lauren)
  - a. Writing and coding accountability, Fridays 1:30-2pm
  - b. Zoom lunch – TBD 12:30-1pm. Emily Abbott will take over organizing these.
  - c. **Monthly socials—volunteers to organize**
    - i. October social: up for grabs. November: virtual game night, Sarah. December—ugly sweater social, Jennica.
  - d. NPAW events, September 21-25
    - i. Monday 5-7pm joint event with Jefferson, Penn, Drexel, USciences. Tuesday 2-4pm: non-academic career workshop. Friday 4-6pm: TUPA and Alumni celebration
- 10. COVID update (Battuya + Jason)
  - a. Transparency from Temple
    - i. postdocs are not included in surveys
    - ii. information may be available through faculty union
    - iii. Temple updates: [templeupdate.com/temple-university-covid-19-cases](http://templeupdate.com/temple-university-covid-19-cases)
  - b. Postdoc testing information (to avoid line of students)
    - i. postdocs can contact Employee Health for testing. Make appointment first at 215-204-2679; testing at 1700 N Broad; results ready in 3 days (as of 9/16).
  - c. COVID discussion and information sharing on Slack
    - i. dedicated channel, will share link on WhatsApp
    - ii. information will be tweeted as well
- 11. Other comments?

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Task	Person Responsible

**NEXT MEETING**

Wed., October 21st, 5:00-7:00pm