**PPDA March Board Meeting Agenda (03/14/2023, 4-5 pm)**

**Location:** BRWN 4106 and on zoom ( <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/97822816482> )

**Attendees:** Shamila, Fanfei, Jesse, Dezhi, Tu, Elvita, Alex.

**1. Constitution and President/vice president vacancies**

1. Revision of the constitution (Tu)
2. Voting of the new constitution.
3. Vice-president and president vacancies: We will vote for them during next meeting.

**2. Past events**

1. Ergonomics on Monday March 6th (Shamila/Dezhi)
   1. Kristi Evans from the REM department at Purdue gave a talk on the importance of good posture, use of well designed furniture, and timing sessions for sitting and walking that are important for a healthy lifestyle.
   2. She shared the presentation materials and Lisa put together the session video recording and other resources. These have been shared across campus on the grad school and postdoc listservs.
   3. I believe, this kind of talk can be repeated every year and the idea has to be promoted more for sustaining our work efforts throughout our life.

**3. Future events**

1. Marie Curie-Sklodowska Action fellowship for postdocs (Alex/Jesse)

An event of 1h15 will be held to talk about the MSCA fellowships. It will be on the last week of April (T or W orT). Currently, we have 1 project officer from Spain that will describe the fellowships during 20 min and we are contacting postdocs to have a panel of 2/ 3 postdocs to briefly describe their project and experience and answer questions for attendees. We have to prepare a flyer in early April.

1. Visa information for postdocs (Tu)

Event will be held in May. Tu will contact an attorney.

1. Coffee hour. Do it the other month than Lisa. (Dezhi)
2. For future:more social events: lunch for postdocs once a month (picnic?), bigger picnic with family, pub, bowling event (4$/person on monday),

**4. PPDA website**

1. General update (Elvita)
2. PPDA board meetings available on the website (Elvita/Dezhi), not yet
3. Dezhi: new email: [postdocsocial@lists.purdue.edu](mailto:postdocsocial@lists.purdue.edu). People can sign it and send emails to all postdocs at Purdue. Prepare a thank you with instructions for the people that signed in.

**5. Statement supporting to trans and non-binary postdocs**

I wanted to bring up a time-sensitive issue that I’d like to put onto the agenda for the meeting. Michael Knowles, a right-wing speaker who has recently called for the eradication of ‘transgenderism’, is an invited speaker at Purdue on March 23. He was invited by a student group (Purdue University College Republicans), but they also received a funding from the Purdue (Student Organization Grant Allocation Board) to bring him in as a speaker.

The Purdue Graduate Student Government passed a bill making a statement supporting trans and non-binary members of the Purdue community.

I would like to see if the PPDA would be interested in reaching out to the PGSG to see if we can sign onto their statement or make a similar statement. I know that we’re not a student group, so we could also see whether the faculty government are making a statement.

Jesse will contact the GSG to join their bill or duplicate their bill.