

PdOC Society

Minutes 23 September 2015

Minutes of the meeting held at The Postdoc Centre, 16 Mill Lane at 6pm on Wednesday 23 September

Present: Maya Ghossaini (President) **MG**, Adina Feldman **AF** (Vice-President) Joy Warde **JW** (Secretary), Paul Bennett **PB**, Nicky Blanning **NB**, Paul Coxon **PC**, Alice Hutchings **AH**, Arne Jungwirth **AJ**, Antonis Kanellopoulos **AK**, Susanne Leger **SL**, Tariq Masood **TM**, Severine Mollard **SM**, Clare Simpson **CS**

In attendance: Chris Abell and Karina Prasad

1. **Apologies:** Marko Tainio **MT**, Lori Turner **LT** (Treasurer), Stephen Kell **SK**, Aamir Mukadam **AM**
2. **Minutes** – minutes of the meeting held on 27 August (**2015_08_27 minutes**) were approved as an accurate record.
3. **Co-option of Marta Costa as Policy and Representation Officer**
The post of Policy and Representation Officer was vacant after the 2015 AGM. The post was advertised in the PdOC newsletter. Marta Costa was co-opted on to the PdOC committee. Proposed: AF, Seconded: AH. The members welcomed Marta to the committee.
4. **‘Postdoctoral Foundation’ discussion**
The PdOC committee has considered the initial vision as outlined at the previous PdOC committee meeting. A paper was presented which summarises the committee’s response to this vision (**PdOC - Postdoc Foundation - 21Sept2015**) There followed a wide-ranging discussion around the questions raised.
Action: JW to send paper to the NW Cambridge working group
Action: The University’s redeployment process will be considered by the committee at a future meeting (JW)
Action: JW to arrange follow up meeting of the PdOC working group on the Postdoctoral Foundation
Action: JW to invite Alison Wood to working group
5. **President’s Report (MG)**

5.1. AF reported that, since the last full ctte meeting, the ctte had approved sending a letter to twelve faculties encouraging them to add postdocs to their entry into the proposed Roll of Regent House.
Action: AF to include further information on postdocs and University Governance in the PdOC newsletter.
6. **Treasurer’s Report (LT)**

6.1. LT, in absence, provided a written summary of the PdOC accounts (**PdOC statement 15-09-17.pdf**). The current effective balance currently stands at £5667.94
7. **PdOC strategy day 26 September (afternoon only)**
Action: JW to recirculate agenda and slide templates for ctte day on Sat 26 September.
8. **Events report**

8.1. SK provided, in absence, a written summary of the previous and upcoming PdOC events (2015_09_08 PdOC events minutes). JW reported that numbers for the Churchill dinner (deadline 14 October) are

currently very low

Action: All to promote the Churchill dinner. JW to circulate poster

8.2. CS is planning a Halloween Family Party and will be asking for volunteers.

Action: All volunteers to contact CS

9. AOB

9.1. Kristen Klebba has just taken up the post of College Affiliations Project Officer within the OPdA. She is working Wed/Thur and will be based in the PdOC office.

Action: JW to invite Kristen to meet PdOC committee at upcoming meeting

Action: AK to meeting Kristen to discuss College affiliations and how the post will compliment PdOC.

9.2. JW reminded the committee that the DPCCN will meet on 22 October 6-8pm. All committee members are welcome to attend this meeting.

Action: All ctte member who are planning to attend should rsvp to JW

10. Date of future meetings –Thur 15 Oct, Thur 12 Nov