

**Executive Meeting**  
**October 8, 2020**

1. Officer Updates (if there are any)
  - a. Vice President (Arpa) - We should get Zoom Pro (more information: Cassandra)
    - i. Zoom Pro - \$18 per user per year
    - ii. Webex does have breakout rooms, but not as good as Zoom
    - iii. Google Meet will require a Chrome extension for breakout rooms
  - b. Treasurer (Adam)
  - c. Secretary (Irvin)
  - d. IT Coordinator (Cassandra)
  - e. Graduate Council Rep (Chamari)
    - i. During last meeting, 2 things about postdocs
    - ii. New parents: Bridge funding was 6 weeks, now 12 weeks
    - iii. Financial problems due to dept/advisor resigning postdoc – resignation letter at least 60 days before termination (was 30 days)
  - f. College Rep (Amro)
  - g. UCW Rep (Yuderka)
    - i. Did have one meeting and will meet with committee soon. Look at documents to see if we can improve equity statements
  - h. Social Activities Coordinator Introduction (Christine)
2. **Postdoc Climate Survey** (Arpa) - Postdocs are looking for more social interactions in the pandemic time (Christine?), grant/fellowship writing and funding opportunities, more resources and networking opportunities job search (academia/industry), Peer review groups
3. General Meeting Planning
  - a. September Meet & Greet – went very well! We had about 10 people attend and had nice conversation. New postdocs who started during COVID-19 really appreciated the socialization and have encouraged us to do more social events
  - b. October 22, 2-3 PM: Communicating your Research to the General Public  
**Moderator- Natalie**
    - i. Speakers: Kim Becker (CCE) and Sara Merritt (Reiman Gardens)
    - ii. Irvin – please have advertisement written and sent to Arpa and Natalie by Friday
    - iii. We will send advertisement to postdocs early next week
    - iv. Arpa to prepare the Questionnaire first draft and officers to add/edit
  - c. November: Postdoc Grants & Fellowships Panel **Moderator – Arpa**
    - i. Proposed panelists
      1. Kim Clinton – Grants Hub
      2. Natalie – USDA Fellow (Plant Biology & Mathematics)
      3. Another postdoc fellow (Misty pulled these names from HR – does anyone personally know these postdocs? Or know anyone with a fellowship/grant?)

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- d. December: Virtual Winter Postdoc Social **Moderator – Christine?**
- e. January: Tax Workshop **Moderator needed!**
- f. February: Preparing Future Faculty program **Moderator needed!**