

February 4, 2022

PDA Meeting Minutes:

Attendees: Pranaw, Ellen, Misty, Stephanie, Khusboo

Note: Due to technical difficulties on Webex's side meeting started a bit late, some members could not join, and screen sharing was disabled.

Points discussed:

- Welcome to new secretary: Khusboo Rana
- Congratulations on a successful tax preparation event.
- Planning for next speakers:
 - Stephanie:
 - Karen Lawton-Donn, director of career services in graduate college. She may be available after spring break, mid march (21st week). Learning how to negotiate a new position, 45 mins. Seminar/discussion
 - Interested to invite members for topics about diversity and inclusion. How to be effective mentor in research setting.
 - Khusboo:
 - Reach out to new diversity, equity and inclusion dean Sharon Perry at ISU to see if she has time for before September.
 - Pranaw:
 - Igor and Thersa in Ames lab could be part of a panel to talk about career.
- Next funding will come on early March and can be carried over to next term on July 1st.
 - Soliciting for seed funding and awards will start on early March.
- Get together event to be held once COVID situation is a bit better.
- Professional headshot to be taken for general members. May be arrange for a photography student to take the pictures. Check for renting costs for a camera. Pranaw might have a camera that could be borrowed.
- Townhall on Feb 25th, Dean of graduate college, William Graves wants to address postdocs. Please attend. More details on email.

Prepared by Khusboo (secretary)