

**DoLS PDC meeting minutes**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

12:00-13:00

Hybrid: SEC 319/MS Teams

**Invited: Mark Hintze (MH), Rob Bradley (RB), Alice Banks (AB), Tom Kim (TK), Julia Sanchez Garrido (JS), Henry Taunt (HT)**

**1. Apologies for absence**

Henry Taunt

**2. Minutes & actions from last meeting**

MH spoke to Stef regarding the bottom-up approach proposed to address H&S issues in the labs. There will be the opportunity for postdocs to meet with Stef during the first half of November.

RB has confirmed with Tika that the Department will be willing to support the Pizza & Beer sessions as previously. The format and arrangements for the sessions have been circulated to the PDC.

**3. PDC membership**

The PDC welcomed Julia Sanchez Garrido to the committee.

RB will be leaving the committee in November.

JS will take over RB's role on the Research Strategy Committee

**4. Committee updates**

**a. Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (AB)**

Meeting on 10/10/2022

**b. Health & Safety (MH)**

No update

**c. Research Strategy (RB)**

No update

**d. Space, Infrastructure & Facilities (TK)**

Meeting on 01/11/2022

**e. Faculty PFDC (MH/AB)**

No update

**f. Reps Network (MH/AB)**

Meeting on 13/10/2022

**g. Culture Committee (MH)**

Coffee mornings should be starting in SEC (hopefully this term). The SEC coffee morning will be on a different day to the SAF coffee morning.

**5. Events for 2022**

**a. Pizza & beer talks**

First event to be on 27/10/22. AB will present. RB to lead this event and the rest of the PDC will take over from November onwards. Speaker slots can be covered by the PDC until the end of 2022. The sign-up link will be circulated via the postdoc mailing list with dates for 2023.

**6. AOB**

- a.** Some postdocs are still missing out on information if they are not on the ls\_reb mailing list. The PDC does not have access to this list but setting up an MS Team for DoLS Postdocs may be an alternative option which the PDC can manage.

**Action:** TK and JS to set up a new MS Team.

- b.** *Seeds for Success* and *Wings for Ideas* funding calls are only open to postdocs with significant time remaining on their contract (this exceeds the time by which the funds need to be spent). There is the concern that this excludes postdocs who stand to benefit most from these funding opportunities. i.e., those nearing the end of their contract who wish to carry out independent pilot work e.g., for a fellowship application.

**Action:** To raise at the Reps Network meeting (MH/AB/JS)

- c.** TK has volunteered to represent postdocs on the DoLS seminar committee.

**7. Next PDC meeting**

2 pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November