

UVM Postdoctoral Association Meeting

10.30.2025 | Waterman 427A

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. 3:30pm ET
- II. Attendance**
 - a. Jill Stockwell
 - b. Postdocs
- III. Mode of Meeting**
 - a. Hybrid (in-person + virtual)
- IV. Agenda**
 - a. Welcome and acknowledgements
 - b. Updates on meeting with the Graduate School Dean, Dr. Hock
 - c. Establishment of committees
 - d. Web page resources
 - e. Open floor for additional topics or contributions from postdocs
 - f. Upcoming postdoc opportunities
 - g. Meeting schedule for coming months
 - h. Adjournment
- V. Welcome & Announcements**
 - a. The Chair thanked Dr. Rodrigues for successfully hosting the Mt. Philo hike
 - b. >18 members were joined
 - c. Good food and beverages were there
 - d. Was a nice time
- VI. Updates on meeting with the Graduate School Dean, Dr. Hock**
 - a. By-law changes
 - i. Possibility for the PDA to obtain a seat on the Faculty Senate
 - ii. There is an existing seat on a faculty senate committee designated for postdocs, which is the [Research, Scholarship and the Creative Arts Committee \(RSCA\), at the University of Vermont.](#)
 - iii. The 2018 PDA Bylaws no longer reflect the current UVM structure (particularly regarding the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs). These bylaws may need revision to align with the current postdoctoral status and to facilitate representation in the Faculty Senate
 - iv. Existing by-laws are shared with all postdocs
 - b. Available funding for the PDA:

- i. Through Dr. Jill's office (\$2,000) (Postdoctoral Affairs within the UVM Graduate College)
- ii. Gift fund through Dean Hoock's office (Office of Graduate Studies)
- iii. PDA may be included in the University's annual budget cycle
- iv. Dean Hoock confirmed that we can approach Deans of UVM colleges to request funding support

VII. Establishment of committees

- a. Bylaws revision committee
 - i. Dr. McIntosh will lead this ad hoc committee to review the PDA bylaws
 - ii. Three to five members are expected
 - iii. All interested postdocs are invited to join
 - iv. The committee will meet to review the existing bylaws and determine what changes are needed
 - v. It would be helpful if the Office of General Counsel can provide a template/format or format for bylaw revisions
- b. Social events committee
 - i. The goal is to organize events that encourage postdocs to connect and engage with one another
 - ii. Dr. Rodrigues will lead this committee to organize social events
 - iii. All interested postdocs are welcome to join
 - iv. Dr. Rodriguez invited Dr. Minaz and Dr. Pedro to join the committee
 - v. The committee will remain active until the end of the official term
 - vi. There will be 1–2 official PDA social events per semester, with costs covered by the PDA
 - vii. Informal events (e.g., bowling, picnics, coffee meetups, etc.) will occur as planned by individuals, with participants covering their own expenses

VIII. Web page resources

- a. A "Community Resources/Engagement" section or tab will be added to the PDA website
- b. This section will include information about various community gatherings and seasonal activities such as skiing and more
- c. Additionally, the PDA website will provide access to professional and community news available through the OPA and OIE
- d. If you have any community or professional development news that would benefit postdocs, please share it via the PDA email

IX. Upcoming postdoc opportunities

- a. Postdoc Coffee Hour – November 13, 10–11 AM, Room 427A, Waterman
- b. Catalyze Your Career: Professional Development Workshop Series
 - i. Topic: Building Meaningful Professional Connections: Networking with Purpose
 - ii. Date: November 19, 3:30–4:30 PM

X. Meeting schedule for coming months

- a. November: 13th November (3.30-4.30pm)
- b. December: 11th December (3.30-4.30 pm)

XI. Adjourn

- a. 4:30pm ET