

BSD Postdoctoral Association Committee Meeting
12 noon, Thursday September 20, 2007 BSLC 009

Present: James McCracken (chair), Judy Cannon, Rifat Hasina, Cheng Huang, Melissa Lindberg, Harold Olivey, Victoria Robinson, Isaac Skromne, Madina Sukhanova, and Ben Wolfe

1. Benefit Changes Coming

Despite having been left with the impression that further discussion would be coming before changes were made, JM has been informed that Garnett-Powers will be taking over medical, dental and life benefits for all postdocs starting January first. JC, JM, and KK are setting up a meeting with Pat Shymanski from the Office of Academic Affairs to discuss the final version of these changes with the goal of changing the benefits section of our website to reflect these changes.

2. Job Listings

HO received an invitation from a group called career.edu about having them place listings on our jobs website. This is not a collection of links but, listings. The committee questioned if the listings were mostly postdoc listings, as there are already organized communities for this. HO feels it could possibly be a valuable addition by allowing more jobs to be listed with little effort to maintain. He will have it placed on the site for a trial period.

3. PDA List host

VR proposes using the University's list host system to create a committee mass mailing system to allow for easy communication of materials to the entire committee. The committee agreed and provided VR with a list of names and emails to begin the list.

4. Survey Response Numbers

Thus far 111 have started and 89 have finished the PDA survey. This represents a similar number from last year.