**GPAC Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, April 6, 2012**

1. Benefits and Compensation Task Force
	1. Update on progress of the proposal – The proposal has been submitted to development for review. We are currently awaiting their response and setting up another meeting. We will revisit the proposal with the following considerations:
		1. Remove award for recipients of scientific excellence awards for 2012
		2. Make an announcement of award at retreat
		3. Help with fundraising efforts (with development)
2. Postdoctoral Orientation - Communications Task Force
	1. Review items for orientation – please look at ppt and make suggestions
	2. GPAC members to present/lead orientation – Orientation will be Tuesday, April 24 3:30-4:30. Please let Faith or Kim know if you are interested ASAP
3. Co-host Industry/Career Panel with UCSF Business Club
	1. Wednesday, May 16 4-5 (panel, Q&A) 5-6 (Wine & Cheese)
	2. Confirmed Panelists: Leslie Waite, Nathan Gunn, Michael Penn, and Christian Callebaut
	3. Graphics – Kim and Karen Ring (UCSF business club)
	4. Moderator – Faith
	5. Food – Faith and Li Tai (UCSF business club)
	6. Flyer posting – Faith and Thi (2 bldgs)
	7. Listservs – UCSF business club
4. NPA meeting overview
	1. Thi, Kim, Nadia, Lex, Dan, Yaisa, John, Wendy
	2. Discussion included:
		1. PIEP program update,
		2. “fun” postdoc events to hold (ie kickball, movie night, etc) - Steffi has volunteered to take lead on this during her 2 month stay

1. UC Berkeley’s PIEP program/AMGEN site visit (Kim)
	1. Overview: visit from 1030ish – 3p; met with Jr/Sr Amgen scientists; lunch; tour
	2. Pros/Cons: Pros – interesting/useful visit; Cons – a networking or time to speak more with the speakers would have been useful
	3. Discussion: to reach out to UCSF ; for each site visit one person took lead and was the only email contact for correspondence/planning
2. Mentor survey update – still being resolved, will discuss at a later time
3. Revisit JC
	1. Pros: successful year, good quality presentations, good experience for both speakers and audience
	2. Cons: scheduling, lack of commitment (presenters/PIs)
	3. Solutions:
		1. HH-JC?
		2. Make JC mandatory as part of training?
		3. Include as requisite for travel award eligibility – should help increase volunteers
		4. As an experiment, we will host JC (lex is presenting) without lunch on April 18 (the date the Sanjabi lab was assigned and canceled) to see if attendees are interested in JC or the food.
4. Postdoc lunches (not discussed, ran out of time)
	1. Post signs for event/speakers: food for participants only