UIPDA Exec/Council Meeting  
January 21, 2016  
4-5pm  
Location: 2289 CBRB

Present: Cara Hamann, Kate O’Brien, Marie Breen, Kristan Worthington, Christina Nicholas, Yi Lang, Annie Gutman, Haibo Qiu, Alex Schott, Steven Pennington.

1. Committee updates
   a. Policy/advocacy
      Travel awards
      i. The time of application, time of conference and time the person is paid all have to be while the person is a postdoc. They cannot have been transitioned to some other type of appointment.
      ii. Alaska and Hawaii are domestic travel. They can be reimbursed at a higher rate, but wording makes them sound international.
      iii. All travel in any given year must happen by June 15th because payment must be in the same fiscal year as the travel.

Shelly Campo and Kate O’Brien are continuing to critique the application.

   b. Professional development

A negotiation seminar is being planned for the spring semester. A suggestion was made to have a “Getting a Government Job” panel and the committee will discuss this.

   c. Social
     - ReUnion Brewery, Coralville
     Tonight, 5:30-7:30pm

2. Award Nominations

An award by the UIPDA was discussed. One option was for written nominations to go through college reps and then be voted on by the UIPDA committee. Two types of awards were discussed: Mentorship and Service awards.

3. College Rep updates

We have a new rep for the Graduate college: Alex Schott. He discussed the events website for the university.

4. Items not on the agenda

Next Council/Exec Meeting: February 16, 423 Gilmore Hall, 2-3pm