University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association – Council of College Representatives Meeting  
Friday, May 23rd, 2014, 12:30 pm  
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In attendance: Kim Chickering, Carol Fischer, Phil Gander, Gurman Gill, Cara Hamann, Graziela Kalil, Rachel Marek, Scott Small

- UIPDA Elections
  - A call for nominations has been sent. The deadline to nominate someone is June 6th.
  - Any new members to the UIPDA can be introduced at the annual meeting.
  - Gurman has expressed interest in the Council Seat for Engineering. Tianyu Liu has expressed interest in the Council Seat for CLAS.

- Immigration Presentation
  - Brendan Delaney of Leavy, Frank & Delaney, LLC will give an Immigration presentation for postdocs at Iowa on June 11th. Brendan serves on the NPA Advisory Council.
  - Specific details of his presentation (time, location, etc) are to be determined.

- Midwest Postdoc Symposium
  - Julie Stilley is formalizing a survey to all attendees.

- UIPDA General Meeting
  - The annual meeting for the UIPDA will be held on Monday June 16th. Time and location TBD.

- Policy and Advocacy
  - Minnetta is looking into an increase in the fringe benefit rate of postdocs to cover life insurance and TIAA-CREF. The amount of this increase will determine if we should proceed arguing for these benefits.
  - Minnetta is still waiting for a response to getting postdocs eligible for parking lot waitlists.
  - Daycare through the University for postdocs will not be an option. The UIPDA is not looking into this further.
  - Dan Tranel has been made a new Associate Dean for the Grad College. Phil and Julie have met with him to discuss postdoc related issues. He is actively looking for input from postdocs.
  - Carol brought up the idea of having a set of guidelines for a successful postdoc experience. The NPA has some such guidelines already.

- Exit Interview
  - All council members will receive an email, and asked to give their experiences about serving with the UIPDA.
  - This information will be passed on to next year’s leadership.