UIPDA General Board Meeting

Minutes by Michael Crawford

10/11/13, 4-4:50 pm, Gilmore Hall Rm 5

In attendance: Phillip Gander, Michael Crawford, Kimberly Chickering, Tianyu Liu, Cara Hamann, Celine Baguenard, Graziela Kalil

Committees and their respective members:

1) Social Committee: Scott Small, Becky, Julie
2) Policy and Advocacy Committee: Michael, Arash
3) Professional Development Committee: Phillip, Celine
4) Research Day Committee: Phillip, Cara, Becky, Celine
5) OPDS Faculty Post Doc Advisory Committee: Phillip, Michael, Grazie
6) Research Council Committee: Michael

If these committees have not met, then they need to as soon as possible.

Parking. Post Docs are temporary staff. We would like to be able to at least get on lists for parking which is not possible currently. Ask Minnetta who to speak to in parking to reach this goal.

Tianyu Liu. Welcome to a new Post Doc in the Physics department. She is interested in joining the Professional Development Committee and maybe the Research Day Committee time allowing.

College Reps:

1) Look into your college’s departments to see if there is a Post Doc webpage. Please report to Phil at the next Council Meeting.

2) Send out an email to the Post Docs in your college and let them know you are their rep.


Professional Development Committee: Following the successful turnout at the Faculty Advisory Committee, we are planning a Government/Industry/Business Advisory Panel for the Spring. Possibly hosted by the College of Engineering. Celine researched a few companies who expressed interest in presenting the research in industry as 3M, Dupont and Fisher Companies. The College of Law of the University of Iowa was also interested in presenting how to become a patent lawyer. Small businesses may use Post Docs as Consultants.
Post Doc Survey: Phil and Michael are currently working on it. Please complete the survey when you receive it.

Post Docs without representation. Some Post Docs do not have a College. Institutes, like Toxicology. Cara recommends that we reach out to these Post Docs to make sure they are represented.

College of Public Health Fair: Attended by Cara. Their focus is Undergrads and our presence there would be low yield.

List Serv for Post Docs: Mike proposed a separate List Serv for Post Docs to be used by Post Docs for university related general communication. Kim is looking into the rules and regulations of creating one.

Social Media Presence: All agree that we need a social media presence. The consensus was a Facebook page. Kim and Cara are looking into this.

The UIPDA creation of Logo, Flag and Banner: Unanimous decision to put the Social Committee in charge of creating a UIPDA Logo, Flag and Banner.