UIPDA Exec/Council Meeting
April 28, 2016
5:00pm
Location: Sanctuary Pub, 405 Gilbert St., Iowa City

Present: Cara Hamann, Marie Breen, Kristan Worthington, Yi Lang, Annie Gutman, Steven Pennington, Kim Chickering, Jared McLendon, Greg Thomas.

1. Vote on charter revisions:
   “Membership of the Council of College Representatives shall include one representative from each UI College with currently active postdocs and one At-Large college representative responsible for all postdocs not associated with any UI college. Representatives shall be elected by the members of the College or At-Large postdocs they seek to represent. Elected members will serve a one-year term.”

The changes were accepted by all present committee members and the changes will be made and uploaded to the UIPDA website.

2. UIPDA Elections for 2016-17 school year, current nominees:
   a. President - Annie Gutman
   b. VP, UI Research Council Rep- Kristan Worthington
   c. Secretary/treasurer- Jared McLendon
   d. College of Dentistry- Christina Nicholas
   e. College of Engineering-
   f. College of Public Health- Sinan Dhia, Jameel Sousan
   g. College of Medicine - Natalija Budimir, Iman Dehzangi
   h. College of Pharmacy- Haibo Qiu
   i. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences-
   j. Grad College- Alex Schott
   k. At-Large-
   l. Social Committee Chair- Jared McLendon
   m. Policy and Advocacy Committee Chair- Kristan Worthington
   n. Professional Development Committee Chair- Alex Schott

It was decided that Annie Gutman and Marie Breen will be co-presidents next year. Postdocs in colleges without reps will be contacted to see if they would like a role in the UIPDA. There will be a vote for the two colleges with multiple nominees. It was decided that the option to chair a committee should not be just given to the executive committee members – charter changes will be announced before the next general meeting.

3. Committee updates
   a. Policy/advocacy
   b. Professional development
      - Travel Award status
   c. Social
      - May happy hour

4. Budget surplus – Marie
How to spend the budget surplus was discussed. The most popular options were to hold a summer social event and also sponsor a postdoc to attend the summer grant writing workshop at UIOWA.

5. UI Research Council rep report—Kate
President Harreld attended the last meeting. There was some discussion that senior faculty will be teaching more than junior faculty so that junior faculty can focus more on research. Also, this summer all colleges and departments will be asked to prioritize their budgets so the President can figure out where the money should go. At the discovery and innovation banquet, Katherine Hadlandsmyth, received the Postdoctoral Research Excellence award. She is from the college of nursing. The lack of advertising for the Postdoc Excellence award was discussed and will be increased next year.

6. College Rep updates

7. Items not on the agenda

Next Council/Exec Meeting: May 19, 2pm, 2289 CBEB