

UIPDA Campus-Wide General Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2015

Noon-1pm

Location: **BSB 1-107**



Present (from among UIPDA): Shabbar, Christina, Yi, Shan, Annie Gutman, Kate O'Brien, Greg Thomas, Anup, Cara, Gurman, Rachel, Kim and Minnetta.
Present (from among public): Carol Fischer, David Lynch, Phil Gander + 2 more

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Krystal Parker

Social Committee

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Questions/comments/updates from UI postdocs
3. Call for UIPDA Nominees for Executive Board and Council of College Representatives, Nominations due by April 30th.
4. Review of UIPDA accomplishments this year:
 - a. Created a postdoc benefits/resources web page(s):
<http://postdoc.grad.uiowa.edu/policies-and-benefits/university-benefits>
<http://uipda.grad.uiowa.edu/content/useful-links>
 - b. Increased postdoc presence on departmental web pages (Dentistry, Electrical-Computer Engineering, Neurology, Surgery)
 - c. Gained the ability for postdocs to obtain parking permits and apply for free auditing of one course per semester
 - d. Provided a wide array of professional development activities – Kamens presentations, Your Stage workshop, Job Search Prep, writing for publication and funding workshop, faculty journal editors panel, faculty grant reviewer panel, and effective scientific presentations and 'elevator talks'.
 - e. Continued representation & engagement with the MWPDF (Phil Gander is co-president, Kate O'Brien is secretary)
 - f. Increased participation in social events (monthly happy hours and family picnic)
5. National Postdoc Association Meeting Report- Kate O'Brien
 - Patent writing internship in office of research helps in a career in technology office
 - How to interview for Academic vs Industry job
 - Career path for being an administrator
 - How to negotiate salary
6. Midwest Postdoctoral Forum Updates- Kate O'Brien
 - a. Postdoctoral forum at Iowa State on Friday, May 15
 - b. Speakers to reach out in the order of preference:
 - i. Lori Adams
 - ii. Matt Gilchrest/ Tom Keegan
 - iii. Darren Hoffmann
7. UIPDA Charter Review: Decided to move the control of postdoc survey from under UIPDA to OPDS. A special meeting will be called in to vote on this issue.
8. Postdoc survey

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9. Committee updates- Review of in-progress initiatives and upcoming events
 - a. Policy/advocacy
 - b. Professional development – Need more participation (currently only 3 registered). Ask postdocs to come just for lunch.
 - c. Social
10. College Rep updates
11. Items not on the agenda: Certificate of participation/merit for UIPDA leadership/college reps/committee members to encourage more people to join UIPDA.

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