



UIPDA Exec/Council Meeting
August 10, 2015
Noon-1pm
Location: Room 5, Gilmore Hall

Present: Cara Hamann, Christina Nicholas, Haibo Qiu, Kate O'Brien, Kristan Worthington, Marie Breen, Rachel Marek, Yi Lang, Steven Pennington, Kim Chickering

Council Members Absent: Anup Tilak, Greg Thomas, Krystal Parker, Shabbar Ranapurwala

1. Welcome and Introductions of 2015-2016 leadership - **Shelly Campo appointed as our Faculty advocate.**
2. UIPDA Priorities for 2015-2016
 - a. Postdoc Handbook - **Kim to find out status. Hope to have a final version by end of the year.**
 - b. Web Presence - **All departments are continuing their push for postdoc web presence.**
 - c. Certificate of Appreciation/Participation for UIPDA board/ reps discussion - **Suggested that past members of the UIPDA should be put on the website as evidence of participation. It was discussed that while the benefit of having certificates for UIPDA members may include more participation it would be difficult to determine what level of participation is considered enough for a certificate. Instead it might be more productive to celebrate faculty/mentors that have helped the UIPDA. Rachel will research plaques/tokens that we could present to faculty members. It was discussed that any awards should be appropriately advertised on the UIOWA and college website.**

From Gurman: For the "Certificate of Appreciation", I mentioned Stanford but looks like it was Harvard. and it is not for the entire council:

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/pda/postdoc-awards/>

There is the "Annual Peer Mentor Award" that recognizes postdoc association leadership group at BWH:

http://www.brighamandwomens.org/Medical_Professionals/career/CFDD/BWHPDA/default.aspx

Other kind of awards are participation certificates handed out to postdocs who complete minimum number of career development workshops. This is, of course, different from what we talked about in today's meeting. Look for "Participation Certificates – How Postdocs Get Something Back" in:

<http://www.nationalpostdoc.org/component/content/article/31-publications/pdo-toolkit/75-pdo-toolkit-career-workshops>

Lastly, there are hosts of travel awards provided by several universities.

http://www.ucdenver.edu/faculty_staff/research/postdoctoral/ucdpostdoctoralassociation/Pages/Travel-Award.aspx

<http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pda/travel-awards>

http://www.uth.tmc.edu/pda/PDA_Website/TravelAward.html

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- d. Travel Awards Program discussion - The OVPR office may be willing to provide travel awards to postdocs, Kim will investigate. The application process should not be completely performed by the UIPDA as there may be bias. A \$500 award was considered acceptable.
3. UIPDA Budget - Marie presented the new budget. The Midwest symposium was discussed, if it is held in UIOWA then the budget will be amended, Kate will look into the symposium.
4. Iowa Public Radio- international postdoc interview volunteers? - If any postdocs wish to be interviewed they must inform their mentor and also contact the communication office (Rachel getting more information) for hints and tips. No email will be sent out but postdocs will be done via word of mouth.
5. Committee updates
 - a. Policy/advocacy - No additional comments.
 - b. Professional development - The committee will begin planning the Postdoc Appreciation week sessions.
 - c. Social – Annual picnic, August 30th, Terry Trueblood - Plan an event during Postdoc Appreciation week.
6. Postdoc appreciation week- 9/21-9/25 - being planned by the Professional Development committee.
7. Monthly meetings and campus-wide meetings in October & April - We will promote this during Postdoc Appreciation week and Cara will get a bigger room for the meeting.
8. College Rep updates - All points already discussed.
9. Items not on the agenda - Kim discussed the college hierarchy and proposed the possibility of getting a faculty volunteer to help with the UIPDA.

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