

UIPDA Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015
Noon-1pm
Location: 4112 MERF



In attendance: Greg Thomas, Shan Qian, Yi Liang, Shabbar Ranapurwala, Anup Tilak, Kate O'Brien, Christina Nicholas, Cara Hamann, Gurman Gill, Rachel Marek, Kim Chickering, Minnetta Gardinier,

1. Travel funding opportunities for postdocs – look into how to obtain funding
2. National Postdoc Association Meeting- Baltimore, March 13-15
 - a. Early Registration ends Feb 13
 - b. Looking for rep to go there – Kate O'Brien is selected.
3. MWPDF-
 - a. Need a secretary – Kate O'Brien agrees.
 - b. Forum at Iowa State on Friday, May 15
4. Charter review
 - a. Semi-annual general meetings (April/October)
 - b. Postdoc survey - perform feasibility study
 - c. Council meetings open to postdoc community- need to post on web
5. Committee updates
 - a. Policy/advocacy (Rachel, Tian, Annie, Kate)
 - i. Web presence updates (Kate and college reps)
 - ii. Postdoc benefits list and handbook
 - iii. Life Insurance (Rachel)
 - iv. Auditing University Classes (Tian)
 - b. Professional development (Gurman, Candis, Shabbar, Krystal)
 - i. Job Prep Series – Panel to be held on April 24. Lunch will be served.
 - ii. Teaching as theatre workshop – Shabbar will organize refreshments
 - iii. Speaker for MWPDF – Discuss.
 - c. Social (Marie, Greg, Cara)
 - i. Jan Social recap
 - ii. Feb Social
 - iii. Social media status