

UIPDA Council Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2015
12:30-1:30pm
Location: Room 5, Gilmore Hall



Members Present: Shabbar, Kate, Christina, Carol, Gurman, Cara and Rachel

1. Committee updates
 - a. Policy/advocacy (Rachel, Tian, Annie, Kate)
 - i. Web presence updates (Kate and college reps) – Google docs website updated with latest information
 - ii. Postdoc benefits list (Annie) – Under progress
 - iii. Life Insurance (Rachel) – No update yet
 - iv. Auditing University Classes (Tian): Staff policies in place currently.
 - v. Research council vote (Cara/Rachel) – Unofficially Yes! The charter needs to be amended and sent for approval.
 - vi. Pop-up banner (Rachel): Working with IMU Marketing and Design
 - b. Professional development (Gurman, Candis, Shabbar, Krystal)
 - i. Job Prep Series : Going well with reasonable turnout
 - ii. Other upcoming events: Teaching as a theatrical performance: Presentation by David and Amyruth McGraw.
 - c. Social (Marie, Greg, Cara)
 - i. Dec Social recap – Went nice .. total 14 attendees
 - ii. January Social- The Mill, Tonight!
 - iii. Social media status (Candis) - Unavailable
2. National Postdoc Association Meeting- Baltimore, March 13-15
 - a. Early Registration ends Feb 13
3. Postdoc Handbook (Minnetta) : No update
4. College of Nursing rep proxy (2 current postdocs)- Shabbar looking for get more info regarding department head and webmaster.
5. College of Dentistry new rep – Christina Nicholas will replace Carol Fischer.
6. College Rep updates : None
7. Items not on the agenda: Lunch will be provided to boost up attendance at these meetings
8. Agenda items for February meeting? - To discuss MWPDF and Travel Awards for postdocs

Next meeting: February 9, 2015; 4112 MERF