



UIPDA Exec/Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015

9-10am

Location: 3289 [CBRB](#)

Present: Kate O'Brien, Cara Hamann, Marie Breen, Anup Tilak, Kristan Worthington, Yi Liang, Annie Gutman, Rachel Marek, Steven Pennington, Greg Thomas, Kim Chickering

Council Members Absent: Christina Nicholas, Haibo Qiu

1. Committee updates

a. Policy/advocacy

- i. Postdoc handbook & grievance policy – *Shelly Campo is working on this*
- ii. Web presence- *Anup has been working on this and College of Medicine is nearly finished being contacted. College of Public Health is complete. Annie will check on the status of the CLAS web presence. Cara will add Annie to the google spreadsheet tracking web presence.*
- iii. Life insurance-*No current updates*
- iv. TIAA-CREF details- implications for international postdocs?, update benefits page- *Kate will contact Jessica to find out options for international postdocs regarding retirement. It is believed that international postdocs are not eligible for IPERS, but no one was sure regarding TIAA-CREF or other options.*

b. Professional development – *Annie said there is a workshop on speaking that will be facilitated by Lisa Kelly and Darren Hoffman followed by a lunch on Wednesday of postdoc appreciation week. There are also plans for doing another job search panel this semester. Cara asked for volunteers for additional members of the PD committee, since they are down to 2. Kristan Worthington volunteered to join the PD committee.*

c. Social – Annual picnic recap, Sept. social- *Greg reported that the picnic was a success with around 45 attendees. A decision was made to have the next happy hour at Mosley's on Thursday, Sept 24th from 5-7pm.*

2. Postdoc appreciation week events- 9/21-9/25

- a. Professional development- *A speaking workshop will be held on Wednesday, Sept 23*
- b. Social- happy hour – *The happy hour will be at Mosley's on Thursday, Sept 24th, 5-7pm.*
- c. Grad college planned event- Time management workshop- *Kim reported that the grad college is hosting a time mgmt. workshop on Thursday, Sept 24th. Kristan also said there is a data management for researchers workshop on that Thursday.*

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- d. Lunch- *This will be on Wednesday following the speaking workshop.*
 - e. Other?- *No other events are known at this time.*
3. MWPDF Postdoc day- KU Med event piggyback? *Kim and Kate said they have not heard anything from the group, but will check on this before the next meeting.*
 4. Certificate of appreciation/participation/awards?
 5. Verifiable way to document participation in UIPDA (on website)?
 6. Travel Awards Program? (OVPR, Grad college)

These above 3 topics were discussed together. The group decided to update the UIPDA web site with lists of the past leadership. Marie agreed to do the web site update. It was also agreed upon to look into options for tying into existing award structures for postdocs and, particularly, for mentors of postdocs. Kim and Rachel volunteered to investigate into these options with OVPR/Grad College/etc. Greg suggested

7. Postdoc Profile Nomination Form:
<http://postdoc.grad.uiowa.edu/postdoc-nomination>

Anup was told about this form from one of the COM faculty when he inquired about web presence status of their department. We discussed that this form, which nominates postdocs to be featured on the grad college web page is underutilized. Kim encouraged everyone to make nominations or even to nominate themselves. Cara asked Kim to include this information in the next Weekly Postdoc.

8. Plans for October campus-wide meeting- *Cara create the agenda and send it to the council/ reps to promote/distribute. Marie informed that she will be out of town for this meeting so she cannot get food. Cara said she will get the food and take minutes in Marie's absence. This meeting will be in UCC 1117 at 9am on Oct 13th. Cara asked reps to spread the word to the postdocs in their colleges.*
9. College Rep updates –*None beyond what was covered above*
10. Items not on the agenda -*None*

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