

## **University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association –Council of College Representatives Meeting**

Friday, March 21<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 12:30 pm

4112 MERF

In attendance: Celine Baguenard, Kim Chickering, Mike Crawford, Phil Gander, Minnetta Gardinier, Gurman Gill, Cara Hamann, Rachel Marek, Scott Small

- Postdoc Symposium
  - We are still waiting to hear back about funding opportunities. OVPR has agreed to donate \$1500. Minnetta suggested asking for in-kind donations instead of financial contributions from under represented colleges.
  - A variety of faculty members have been contacted for presenting. Names of those who have agreed are available on the UIPDA website.
  - Currently, the registration page asks the user to login or create an account. This should be changed soon.
- National Postdoc Association Meeting
  - Gurman is still planning to attend. He will bring flyers for the Postdoc Symposium. The UIPDA will also be represented at the poster session.
- UIPDA Logo
  - A logo design has been agreed upon. Small modifications need to be made.
  - Scott is contacting the artist to get the necessary changes made, or to obtain the original files so someone else can make the needed changes.
- Policy and Advocacy
  - Minnetta has investigated the concerns about the required enrollment of postdocs into the IPERS program. State law mandates that employees with 50% time or more must have a retirement plan, with IPERS as default. Medical residents are exempt from this. A change to postdocs' enrollment in the IPERS program will require a change in legislation.
  - The university providing a life insurance program to postdocs will require an increase in fringe benefits. A voluntary policy is available. Rachel will investigate the life insurance options more.
  - Minnetta has a meeting scheduled to discuss postdoc parking policies.
- Postdoc Journal
  - The Postdoc Journal is looking for UIPDA endorsement. They are peer reviewed and open access. Phil will look into them further.