

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

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 12:30 pm

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In attendance: Celine Baguenard, Kim Chickering, Carol Fischer, Phil Gander, Minnetta Gardinier, Gurman Gill, Cara Hamann, Graziela Kalil, Scott Small

- UIPDA Elections
  - Phil will send a call for UIPDA elections in the next week or so. Elections will probably occur in June.
- Postdoc Survey
  - The postdoc survey did not receive a good response this year. Changing the survey format to an exit interview may improve the response rate.
  - Another idea is to give the survey during the ethics in research course.
  - This year's survey could be given at the Midwest Postdoc Symposium.
- Social Events
  - The spring campus-wide meeting of the UIPDA should occur in May.
  - A summer picnic will be scheduled this year.
- Letters to Departments
  - The council representatives will look into sending letters to each department in their college about the appearance of postdocs on department webpages. Contact information can be found through the webmaster link on the bottom of department webpages.
- Midwest Postdoc Symposium
  - The symposium is this Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Public Health Building.
  - Currently, 116 postdocs are registered. Arrangements assumed 100. Minnetta suggests this will be enough due to no-shows.
  - Around 30 postdocs have registered for poster presentations. Two poster sessions are planned, with each presenter in one session only. Carol and Grazi will assign each poster to a board and prepare board setup.
  - Phil and Kim will work to arrange hotel accommodations. Several options in Iowa City include Iowa House, Sheraton, Hotel Vetro, and Heartland Inn. These will probably have a university rate.
  - A dinner for out of town guests will occur the night before the symposium. This will be combined with a happy hour. Scott will find an appropriate venue.
  - Parking spaces are available at the Hancher Lot for state plates (not sure what this means exactly). Any group staying at a hotel will have parking spaces. Another parking option is the New on R ad arking Ramp. Cara will prepare maps and other transportation related information for out of town attendees.
  - Professional movers will setup and tear down the equipment.
  - Phil will lead the session of oral presentations by postdocs.
  - Free stuff for attendees includes tote bags, folders, pens, and programs.