

University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association –Council of College Representatives Meeting

Friday, May 23rd, 2014, 12:30 pm

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In attendance: Kim Chickering, Carol Fischer, Phil Gander, Gurman Gill, Cara Hamann, Graziela Kalil, Rachel Marek, Scott Small

- UIPDA Elections
 - A call for nominations has been sent. The deadline to nominate someone is June 6th.
 - Any new members to the UIPDA can be introduced at the annual meeting.
 - Gurman has expressed interest in the Council Seat for Engineering. Tianyu Liu has expressed interest in the Council Seat for CLAS.
- Immigration Presentation
 - Brendan Delaney of Leavy, Frank & Delaney, LLC will give an Immigration presentation for postdocs at Iowa on June 11th. Brendan serves on the NPA Advisory Council.
 - Specific details of his presentation (time, location, etc) are to be determined.
- Midwest Postdoc Symposium
 - Julie Stilley is formalizing a survey to all attendees.
- UIPDA General Meeting
 - The annual meeting for the UIPDA will be held on Monday June 16th. Time and location TBD.
- Policy and Advocacy
 - Minnetta is looking into an increase in the fringe benefit rate of postdocs to cover life insurance and TIAA-CREF. The amount of this increase will determine if we should proceed arguing for these benefits.
 - Minnetta is still waiting for a response to getting postdocs eligible for parking lot waitlists.
 - Daycare through the University for postdocs will not be an option. The UIPDA is not looking into this further.
 - Dan Tranel has been made a new Associate Dean for the Grad College. Phil and Julie have met with him to discuss postdoc related issues. He is actively looking for input from postdocs.
 - Carol brought up the idea of having a set of guidelines for a successful postdoc experience. The NPA has some such guidelines already.
- Exit Interview
 - All council members will receive an email, and asked to give their experiences about serving with the UIPDA.
 - This information will be passed on to next year's leadership.