

University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association –Council of College Representatives Meeting

Friday, September 13th, 2013, 4 pm

5 Gillmore Hall, Callen Conference Room

In attendance: Celine Baguenard, Kim Chickering, Phil Gander, Cara Hamann, Scott Small

- Homecoming Parade
 - The UIPDA has investigated interest in submitting a postdoc walking float in the 2013 Homecoming Parade. Phil sent an email to all postdocs gauging interest.
 - Not much interest has been expressed. We have decided not to move forward on this.
- Postdoc Appreciation Week
 - Postdoc Appreciation Week begins next week. Registration for the Friday pizza party will remain open Thursday.
 - It was decided that reminder emails for this week's events will be sent the day of for the picnic and happy hour. Kim will send a reminder email for Friday's events on Tuesday. This should help to minimize spamming the community.
 - College Representatives are welcome to send their own reminder emails to their college(s).
- College Representative Proxies
 - Celine has agreed to represent the College of Education, and Grazi had previously agreed to represent the College of Pharmacy. The College of Nursing Representative position remains open.
- College Representative Committee Involvement
 - College Representatives are encouraged to join committees.
 - There are currently five available committees: Professional Development, Policy and Advocacy, Social, Postdoc Research Day, and Postdoc Advocacy. However, the Professional Development Committee and Postdoc Research Day Committee may be merged.
 - Cara has expressed interest in joining the Postdoc Research Day Committee, Celine the Professional Development or Postdoc Research Day Committees, and Grazi has previously expressed interest in the Postdoc Advisory Committee.
- UIPDA Budget
 - A meeting was held earlier this week between the executive board and Minnetta.
 - Minnetta encouraged the UIPDA to obtain additional funds for Postdoc Research Day and for college level social events from colleges, instead of the UIPDA general fund.
 - The IIHR – Hydrosience & Engineering institute has agreed to help sponsor the Postdoc Research Day, provided their postdocs are encouraged to participate.
- College Representative Department and College Contact
 - College Representatives are asked to contact departments and colleges for a listing of postdocs. Departments and colleges should be encouraged to make this public.
- Professional Development
 - Phil has contacted the Career Advancement Group. We would like to join some of their more general talks about career development. Phil is still waiting for a reply.
 - Colleges not involved in the Career Advancement Group should be encouraged to pursue similar avenues for their postdocs.
 - Kim is keeping a website with professional development related events. This website will be added to the UIPDA website.