

University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association –Council of College Representatives Meeting

Friday, November 1st, 2013, 4 pm

5 Gillmore Hall, Callen Conference Room

In attendance: Celine Baguenard, Kim Chickering, Mike Crawford, Phil Gander, Cara Hamann, Grazi Kalil, Tianyu Liu, Scott Small, Arash Tadjalli

- Postdoc Survey
 - Phil is waiting from the IRB to switch the PI on the survey from Becky (previous exec board) to Mike.
- Postdoc Research Day
 - The Postdoc Research Day Committee has determined the event will be held during the first two weeks of May.
 - The Research Day will include a few science talks. The committee is considering determining the speakers via an awards process. Award details are to be discussed at the next committee meeting.
 - The event will consist of several workshops of various topics. Some ideas include Patent Laws, Careers in Industry, Academic Life as Faculty, and Work-Life Balance.
- Midwest Postdoctoral Forum
 - Phil thinks the charter is a little vague, and requires some work to be accepted. For instance, “Midwest” is not well defined, how does voting work in the event of a tie, etc.
 - The Council of College Representatives given 4 votes in favor of adopting the Midwest Postdoctoral Forum, on the condition that the language is clarified.
- Association of Multicultural Scientists
 - Grazi attended the Association of Multicultural Scientists meeting for Iowa on 10/17. They are looking to start an Iowa chapter. The association hopes to reach out to both postdocs and grad students.
 - Collaboration between the UIPDA and the Association of Multicultural Scientists can be beneficial to both organizations, as both are interested in promoting career related events.
 - The Association will probably take a few months to get organized at Iowa.
- Speed Networking
 - Kim has suggested a Speed Networking type workshop at Iowa for postdocs. This has been successful at other universities. Such an event could be a part of Postdoc Research Day.
- Department Webpages for Postdocs
 - Overwhelmingly, most departments do not have a webpage dedicated to postdocs.
 - The UIPDA could start a webpage ourselves, but first deans, associate deans, webmasters, etc. should be contacted.
 - College representatives should draft an email to request the creation of such sites.
- Panel of Postdocs
 - Kim is creating a panel of postdocs for grad students who wish to move on to a postdoctoral position.
 - Kim will email the Exec Board and Council to request postdocs.