

University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association –Council of College Representatives Meeting

Friday, December 13th, 2013, 4 pm

5 Gillmore Hall, Callen Conference Room

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

- Council Meeting Venue
 - Phil has proposed moving the location and time of the monthly Council of College Representatives meetings.
- Postdoc Research Day
 - Postdoc Research Day has been scheduled for Friday May 2nd. Several rooms in the College of Public Health have been reserved.
 - We are aiming for 50 people.
 - Matt can put together a website for the event, and Kim will add the event to the postdoc calendar.
 - The college representatives will send letters to their colleges asking for money to help fund the event. This will require an estimate of the total budget needed.
 - The Postdoc Research Day Committee has estimated a budget of \$2000 to \$2500.
 - The conference will consist of two scientific talks by postdocs. One will come from Iowa, and one will come from outside. We would like the speaker from Iowa to be the winner of the Postdoctoral Research Scholar/Fellow Research Excellence Award from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development. However, the winner's identity must be obtained before the conference.
 - The conference will consist of several half hour workshops, including Entrepreneurship, Patent Law, Government Jobs, Industry vs Academia, Media, and a New Faculty Lab Panel.
 - The panel for setting up new faculty labs is in need of speakers.
 - The conference will also feature two 1 hour poster sessions.
- Department Websites
 - A draft of the letter to send to college deans is prepared. This must be finalized by the college reps and signed by Minnetta.
 - This letter should be sent to college deans and appropriate associate deans. This can take place early next year.
 - Once this letter is sent, a new letter to department heads must be drafted.
- Social Events
 - The social committee would like to combine social events with career related presentations. A January event combined with a panel about jobs may occur.
- Postdoc Awards
 - Cara, amongst others, has commented a lift on the 3 year requirement for the award from the OVPRED, given that many colleges do not even hold postdoc positions for this long. Minnetta will talk to the committee about changing to a 2 year requirement.
- Midwest Postdoc Forum
 - The monthly meeting for the Midwest Postdoctoral Forum is occurring on Monday. Becky is attending the teleconference.

- We will advertise the Postdoc Research Day at this meeting.
- UIPDA Logo
 - Drafts for a logo were presented from Design UI.
 - None of the present college reps are happy with the first round of drafts. A second round will be requested after more research about the desired logo design is performed.