

## University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association – Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, 1:00pm

EMRB Atrium

In attendance: Michael Crawford, Phil Gander, Scott Small

- Postdoc Survey
  - The survey had a very low response rate (38 total). This is most likely not enough to represent Iowa postdocs accurately.
  - Mike, Phil, and Minnetta are looking into getting the survey converted to an exit survey. This may improve the response rate.
- Postdoc Research Day
  - A more up to date cost estimate for the event is around \$50 per person. This will give a budget in the range of \$5,000 to \$6,000.
  - A speaker for patent law and a speaker for entrepreneurship have been lined up. We would like a speaker from industry as well.
  - Phil will look into setting up a website for the event.
- National Postdoc Meeting
  - This will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis.
  - The UIPDA should have someone attend. Preferably, the representative should be planning to remain with the UIPDA for next year.
- Policy and Advocacy
  - Rachel Marek, a postdoc from Civil Engineering, has brought up concerns regarding daycare and life insurance policies for postdocs. Postdocs do not qualify for daycare waitlists because of their temporary status. Further, postdocs do not qualify for life insurance through the university.
  - Scott brought up parking concerns on campus. Postdocs do not qualify for waitlists for parking lots.
  - Phil has suggested that the UIPDA send reminders for postdocs to check their paychecks for at least a yearly pay increase.
- UIPDA Logo
  - Artists at Design UI have provided new drafts for the UIPDA logo. Further design drafts are expected.
- Postdoc Potluck and Job Search Perspectives
  - A potluck for postdocs will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. In conjunction, Becky Fagan will give a brief talk about her job search process.