

## **University of Iowa Postdoctoral Association – Executive Board Meeting**

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 1:30pm

EMRB Café

In attendance: Phil Gander, Michael Crawford, Scott Small

- Homecoming Parade
  - An advertisement was sent regarding the parade on 10/04 stating that a group of postdocs would be present at the parade if anyone wanted to meet up.
  - Scott enjoyed the parade.
- New Postdoc Orientation
  - The orientation for new postdocs takes place on Wednesday 10/16.
  - Mike will give a brief presentation about the UIPDA.
- Postdoc Survey
  - The annual postdoc survey should take place this semester.
  - Phil will prepare the survey, Scott will notify the postdoc community about the survey, and Mike will analyze the results.
- Postdoc Community Listserv
  - Phil and Mike have proposed creating a new listserv accessible to postdocs. The idea is to create a way for postdocs to communicate information relevant to the entire postdoc community.
  - Kim will be consulted about the creation of a new listserv.
- UIPDA Committees
  - Committees should meet if they have not done so yet, either in person or through email.
- Professional Development Ideas
  - A discussion group could be held in the spring for industry related jobs.
  - The UIPDA could start postdoc awards. Something like this may already exist, however.
  - A database for sample job search materials can be created. This includes cover letters, CVs, resumes, etc.
  - The UIPDA can host a job talk seminar. This will allow postdocs a place to practice job talks before attending an interview.
  - The UIPDA can organize a faculty mentor program.