

## **Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2013**

4:00pm, 239 Tigert Hall (Provost's Conference Room)

Attending: Thierry Dubroca, Brian Harfe, Sobha Jaishankar, Allison Kinney, William Puszyk, Ashley Seifert, Kim Pace

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm.

### **Review and approval of minutes:**

The meeting minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting were distributed for committee review. The minutes were approved without changes.

### **Updates:**

**Postdoc Workshops:** Thierry has arranged for postdocs to tour the Sid Martin Biotech Incubator on January 29. Postdocs will meet with Incubator Director, Patti Breedlove, tour the facilities, and network with incubator company representatives. 27 postdocs are currently signed up for the tour. February 4: Careers in Academic (Interviewing Skills) workshop at the Brain Institute will feature Ashley Seifert, Teri Balser and Amir Erez to discuss how best to pursue and obtain a faculty position. Thierry reported that another set of workshops will be devoted to management issues with Human Resource Services' Jodi Gentry facilitating the workshops.

**IFAS Grants Workshop:** Will take place on February 4. 32 postdocs will attend the workshop, partially funded by their college and partially funded by the Provost's Office.

**Postdoc Research Symposium:** Scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2013 at Emerson Alumni Hall, which turns out to be Alachua County Spring Break. To avoid any conflicts for attendees, the date is being moved to April 8 instead. Will Puszyk will work with Kim to help plan the event.

**Postdoc Mentoring Award Program:** Brian Harfe, chair of the Postdoc Mentoring Awards review committee, will meet February 6 to review applications for the awards. The awards will be announced at the Research Symposium in March.

**Postdoc Peer Mentoring Program:** Seven Postdoc Peer Mentors have made themselves available to junior/new postdocs for mentoring. A call for mentees has been sent to new postdocs who attended the New Postdoc Orientation in September. Dr. Krista Vandeborne will provide a mentoring workshop for the postdoc mentors.

**Listserv:** The postdoc listserv not automatically pulls the e-mails of all those with "postdoc" in their titles, including courtesy postdocs. The listserv updates automatically. There is also a "postdoc info" listserv established for those who wish to have brief, timely reminders of postdoc workshops or events. Kim will work on establishing a listserv for PI's who wish to receive information they wish to share with their postdocs.

The meeting concluded at 5:05pm.