

# Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2013

12:00pm, 239 Tigert Hall (Provost's Conference Room)

Attending: Teri Balsler, Thierry Dubroca, Kevin Folta, Brian Harfe, Chris Hass, Sobha Jaishankar, Allison Kinney, Kristina Neely, William Puszyk, Ashley Seifert, Kim Pace

The meeting was called to order at 12:04pm.

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

The meeting minutes from the April 3, 2013 meeting were distributed for committee review. The minutes were approved without changes.

## **Updates and Discussions:**

**Postdoc Advisory Committee Update:** The Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee expressed appreciation for Ashley Seifert's service on the committee for the past two years. Ashley will become an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky in the fall. Kristina Neely will also be leaving the University of Florida in the fall but will continue service on the committee through the summer. New postdocs will be asked to join the committee to replace the departing postdocs.

**Postdoc Research Symposium Review:** Symposium feedback survey responses were distributed to the committee for review and discussion. Will Puszyk provided a summary of the responses, which included good, constructive feedback to improve next year's Symposium. Discussion by the committee included suggestions for different venues (Florida Gym, EPI HPNP lobby), and how best to focus the mission of the event, whether the event should be judged, how to allow for judging of all posters, how to have better faculty attendance, providing for electronic presentation of posters to groups of judges, voting for posters using tokens, and integrating the symposium into the University Relations EyeOpener breakfast updates and having better publicity for the event. The Postdoc Symposium committee, chaired by Will, will meet to follow up on the event and make modifications and revisions for next year's plans.

**LinkedIn Postdoc Group:** Since Kristina will be leaving the university and Postdoc Committee, a new manager of the UF Postdocs LinkedIn page will need to be determined and the administration of the group transitioned to that person.

**New Postdoc Orientation:** The 2013 New Postdoc Orientation is scheduled for Monday, September 46 ***[now scheduled for September 24]*** in Emerson Alumni Hall, during National Postdoc Appreciation week. The half-day orientation will include sessions and presentations from HR, the Office of Research, the General Counsel's office, and a keynote address. Teri Balsler offered to provide a session on what postdocs need to know about their career trajectory, building their portfolio and research strategies. Tabling by UF resources will be provided this year. Committee members were encouraged to provide suggestions for tablers to invite to the event.

The meeting concluded at 1:16pm.