

Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013

5:00pm, 239 Tigert Hall (Provost's Conference Room)

Attending: Teri Balsler, Christopher Hass, Allison Kinney, Stefanie Marquez, Gaurav Misra, Rachel Walters, Kim Pace

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Review and approval of minutes:

The meeting minutes from the July 25, 2013 meeting were approved.

Updates and Discussions:

Postdoc Salary Minimums: Kim announced that Postdoc Salary Minimums have been established based on the Graduate Assistant minimums announced earlier this year. The Postdoc Salary Minimums policy was announced via an Administrative Memo from the Provost on August 22. The Postdoc Salary Minimums policy is effective starting October 1, 2013.

New Postdoc Orientation: The 2013 New Postdoc Orientation is rescheduled for Tuesday, September 24 in Emerson Alumni Hall. 40 new postdocs have registered to attend. 12 campus organizations will table for the event to provide postdocs with information about campus resources. The event will be videotaped and placed on the Postdoc Website. Several postdocs on the committee have signed up to assist with the event.

Postdoc Workshops: Postdoc Workshops Chairs Rachel Walters and Stefanie Marquez gave an update on upcoming postdoc workshops. September 18 will be a Grantwriting Workshop with Brian Harfe and Bruce McFadden. The workshop will take place noon-2pm and lunch will be available. October 30 has been tentatively scheduled as a workshop with Lorraine Tracey from the National Postdoctoral Association who is coming to campus for an i-Cubed workshop for graduate students. Dr. Tracey would provide a workshop for postdocs and junior faculty on how postdocs should mentor others, as well as how to get the most out of a postdoc's mentee experience. Once Dr. Tracey is confirmed, the OPA will begin publicizing the event. The OPA will provide a Save the Date notice at the Sept. 18 workshop.

Kim reported that Will Puszyk has arranged for a Postdoc Social Mixer on September 18 at 2pm at the Ale House.

Postdoc Mentoring Award 2014: Kim announced that the application process for the Postdoc Mentoring Award has been updated and revised for 2014 by the Award Committee – consisting of last year's award winners. Applications will be made available to the deans and general UF population once the provost has approved the program for 2014.

The meeting concluded at 6:10pm.