

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

**April 1, 2014**

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

**Attending:** Sobha Jaishankar, Allison Kinney, Stefanie Marquez, William Puszyk, Rachel Walters, Kim Pace, Paula Varnes Fussell, Liz Kazungu

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

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

The meeting minutes from the February 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Updates and Discussions:**

#### **GatorCare Insurance Changes for Postdocs:**

Paula Varnes Fussell, Vice President for UF Human Resource Services, updated the group about upcoming changes to GatorCare Health Insurance for Postdocs. Changes will take place July 1, 2014. HR will be contacting postdocs directly to inform them of the changes. A Website explaining the changes and directing postdocs to the appropriate resources will be available. Information will be provided to Kim for distribution in newsletters and/or on the OPA Website. Additionally, a postdoc Q&A/Info session with HR will be scheduled for May/June to address any questions or concerns postdocs may have about the changes.

#### **Career Resource Center Postdoc Resources:**

Liz Kazungu, Assistant Director for Career Development at the UF Career Resource Center, discussed the various resources available to postdocs at the Career Resource Center. Postdocs can participate in any and all workshops that the CRC offers, including CV assistance and interview skill development, online mock interviews, and other professional development assistance. Postdocs can also take full advantage of the CRC online resources, including Gator CareerLink. The only thing postdocs do not have available to them is one-on-one CRC services. Full CRC services are not available to postdocs because the CRC is supported by student fees, and postdocs do not pay student fees. Liz will provide information about CRC events and resources to Kim for distribution in the Postdoc Newsletter, and will also provide an outreach workshop for postdocs once a semester.

#### **Postdoc Research Symposium 2014 :**

A draft agenda for the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Postdoc Research Symposium on April 21 was circulated. 12 postdocs have been selected by the review committee to compete in the oral presentations on April 21. Those who were not selected for oral presentation judging were offered the opportunity to compete in the poster presentation competition. Currently 46 postdocs are anticipated to be competing for the poster prizes. The topic of the poster prizes was addressed and it was determined that having 4 judging groups to choose one top group prize for each poster group, and providing 4 equal poster awards (\$75 each), would be better than two prizes consisting of one first place and one second place prize, as was done last year. The oral presentation awards would remain the same, with a first place \$200 prize and second place \$100 prize.

#### **Postdoc Mentoring Award Winners for 2014:**

The 2014 postdoc mentoring award winners, Michelle Mack in Biology, Doug Soltis in Biology, and Weihong Tan in Chemistry, have been notified and invited to the Postdoc Research Symposium, where they will be recognized during the awards portion of the program. They have also been invited to assist in the judging for the event.

The meeting concluded at 5:05pm.