

January 15th SUPD Minutes

0. Old Business

- a. Vote to Confirm New Officers:
 - i. Co-Chair (Will Grissom)
 1. confirmed
 - ii. CPS (Alesha Castillo)
 1. confirmed
 - iii. Veterans Affairs (Kevin McIntire)
 1. confirmed
- b. Officer positions
 - i. Treasurer
 1. Responsibilities: budget, money requests
 2. Crystal Botham will start next time
 - ii. Secretary
 1. Nick Shah will start next time
- c. Other unfinished business
 - i. New council members
 1. Henriette Macmillan
 2. Narendiran Rajasekaran

1. New Business

- a. Career Counseling:
 - i. Integrating career training into the postdoc experience
 1. We all train for tenure track positions, but less than 20% go into these positions
 2. Many go into exclusively teaching positions, industry, editorial, government work
 - ii. How will postdoc career plans change in response to the current financial crisis?
 1. Coordinate with SoM Career Center
 2. Suggestions for Dean's Retreat (early Feb)
 - a. Will focus entirely on career planning
 3. Lots of unutilized resources on campus for postdocs
 4. We need to evangelize the problem
 5. Also need to increase resources
 - iii. Two ideas:
 1. To start planning ahead of time for alternative positions. Need to move realization forward (Career planning)
 - a. Move timing up, make it not PI-centric
 - b. Would like to set up a mandatory career planning day
 - i. Tie it to 2nd year re-appointment letter (Chequeta suggestion).
 - ii. Get career center to run it
 - iii. Could also have something that postdocs can fill out this form that must be submitted to postdoc office
 1. Could attach info to it
 2. Ask people if they want to be contacted by career center
 3. Online form that automatically sends list of people to postdoc office for enforcement
 4. Take suggestions to provost forum
 - iv. Could also organize a more general postdoc career planning forum, as a one-time thing, collect data on it
 2. Not many opportunities for alternative postdoc experiences at Stanford. Need to advertise currently available internships. (Career training)
 - iv. Action items
 1. Brandon and Will meet with Career Center to get input from them
 2. Find form currently in existence

b. Postdoc Career Center: reviewing the weekly SUPD minutes

- c. Voice: Feb edition of the quarterly postdoc newsletter (Kevin)
 - i. Goal is a Feb deadline
 - ii. Needs 300 words from co-chairs
 - iii. Contacted Younock to solicit
 - iv. Article from Asha Pia: preparing postdocs for roles as independent researchers, using OPA, this is a feature article
 - v. Information about mentor/postdoc relationship
 - vi. Will solicit regular contribution from career center
 - vii. Preparing for alternate careers
 - viii. Deadlines: submissions by end of next week (jan 23rd)
- d. Postdoc e-mail list:
 - i. Respond to General Counsel's Office request for enforceable general use policy
 - ii. Coordinate with Alumni Association to stop public postings
 - 1. Hold postdoc membership over their heads?
 - iii. Nick Shah has volunteered to help out with that
- e. Planning for Mentoring Award
 - i. Modi Wetzler will run it. Will and Crystal Botham will be on committee
 - ii. Will send out a solicitation for committee letters
 - iii. We need to get packet from Irfan: action item
 - iv. Brandon action item: make sure last year's winners got their money
 - v. Think about previous winner acting as this year's advisor
- f. Planning for SUPD Annual Survey
 - i. Most beneficial thing that we can use to argue things
 - ii. Brian Feng and Vishwa would like to help out
 - iii. Find out what countries fellowships come from

2. Committee Reports

- a. UC CPS
 - i. LA Meeting Report
 - ii. Sloan Grant and Regional Postdoc Meeting Progress
 - iii. Upcoming NPA Meeting
- b. School of Medicine Faculty Senate Report
- c. Social Committee: how will we continue to stimulate social and intellectual interactions without funding?
- d. Stanford Postdocs in the Veterans Affairs Hospital: Committee Report

In Attendance

Will Grissom
 Brandon Steelman
 Modi Wetzler
 Johan Kers
 Crystal Botham
 Milton Yu
 Kevin McIntire
 Alesha Castillo
 Nick Shah
 Henriette Macmillan
 Narendiran Rajasekaran
 Brian Feng
 Vishwa