Dartmouth College Postdoctoral Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 3rd 12-1pm
DHMC campus: Rubin 691

Postdocs in Attendance: 7

Presided over: Kristine Hill, President

Meeting Points:
1. Next meeting: Thursday, July 1st 12-1 PM at Hanover campus
2. Action items were addressed from last meeting.
3. Discussed re-joining the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA). We want to do this to 1.) get points on how to improve postdoc participation, 2.) be eligible for a site visit from NPA team and 3.) have discounted travel to the NPA annual meeting. This would be almost exactly as much money as we have left to spend in the ’09-’10 budget.
4. Generating new interest and filling vacant spots.
   - We may have a need to fill the president position in the Fall and currently are looking for a treasurer position.
   - Katja Koeppen volunteered to work with Dawoon on future career development workshops.
   - Discussed ideas to increase interest and attendance:
     1. Kris will circulate a letter petitioning new postdocs to join the cause.
     2. We should post a description of the officer roles, so people have a better idea of what those entail and how little overall work they actually are.
     3. Need to stress to fellow postdocs the “dire” situation we are in to continue this organization.
     4. Have a Wine & Cheese Soirée to spread awareness and recruit postdocs to the DCPDA.
       - Potential Date: Friday, June 25th 3-4PM DHMC, 5-6PM Hanover
       - Treat postdocs to a wine and cheese hour
   ➔ Alix will check with the Cancer Center to see if we can get a space for this at DHMC.
   ➔ Ian will check to see if times at Hanover conflict with Biology seminar.
5. Other action points brought up:
   ➔ Kris: Follow up with Provost to see if budget was approved.
Kris: Shoot an email to Liz (?) to see if we can get a storage room for DCPDA.

Next meeting topic: Travel award update