Postdoctoral Meeting Minutes

Date: May 30th, 2014
Time: 12 pm; Location: 2W-40B Brody Building

1) Liz Novak called meeting to order.

2) Old Business
   a. All postdoc scholars were encouraged to visit the PDA website for updates, events and newsletters (http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/postdoctoralaffairs/). New post doc scholars were encouraged to contact Liz or Carlyle to get their information posted on the website. One postdoc scholar recommended putting a link to professional websites such as LinkedIn.
   b. Almost all postdoc scholars completed CITI Training (https://www.citiprogram.org). New members are expected to complete CITI training as soon as possible. If a postdoc missed a RCR training session, Hiromi and Norma will be holding separate RCR training courses throughout the coming year.

3) New Business
   a. Several events are being planned for the summer. The post doc council is working to develop a Grant Writing Workshop on the structure and submission process of grants. A Potluck/Family Picnic is being planned for a Saturday in June. The picnic will most likely occur at Elm Street Park. The PDA council is working on developing an event for National Postdoc Week in September. One idea is to perform speed science. Speed science resembles speed dating in that you have to talk about your research project in less than 5 minutes to a person sitting across from you.
   b. There have been issues reported with Postdocs going to Student Health. This matter is being investigated further.
   c. The next PDA Meeting is on June 27th combined with RCR training. Mentors are invited to attend.

4) Meeting was closed. Susan McRae the Chair of the Animal Care and Use Committee and Hiromi Sanders from the Office for Research Integrity and Compliance discussed 1) Animal Welfare, 2) Collaborative Science and 3) Peer Review.