Pathway Goal: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Action Item # 2-5  

Report:  
☐ Mid-Year: December 2016  
☒ Year-End: April 2017

Action Item Description:  
Establish benchmarks and policies for post-doc and research faculty that allow for research growth.

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Provide a written overview of the year-long process for your working group.  

This committee met several times to work on building postdoc services from scratch. With the GC team, we assessed existing post-docs and related processes, coordinated with various offices on campus, researched best practices at peer and aspirational peer institutions, connected with the national post-doc association, and established a close collaboration with the Desert Research Institute.
2016-17 Accomplishments

1) Co-hosted two Postdoc & faculty mixers with DRI. The first at DRI and second at UNLV, both were a great success. We are still accepting feedback from the second event via survey to enhance events for next Fall. We plan to host at least one event for PDs each semester.
2) Created email group for postdocs so, we can regularly communicate with them (invite them to events, GC programs, etc).
3) Mechanism established to track when Postdocs are hired and when they leave. When a PD is hired they receive a welcome email and invite to visit the Executive Director of Graduate Student Services to pick-up a welcome package and learn about the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.
4) Finalized order of operation & responsibilities for GSS (Survey of Graduate Students and Post-doctorates in Science and Engineering). Completed annual GSS in February.
5) Created and distributed survey to PDs to ascertain their needs and wants. Survey is still open as we hope close to all PDs (41) will complete it.
6) Policies around travel funding available from the Executive Vice President & Provost through the University Faculty Travel Committee have been clarified and now post-doctoral researchers are explicitly identified as eligible to apply for travel funds through this source. In fact, this current funding cycle had several PD applications.
7) Joined the National Postdoctoral Association

Recommendations

The Graduate College oversees the newly established Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. The committee remains in tact and meets when necessary. Funding will be needed to accomplish at least the following as well as to continue to grow the office and PDs at UNLV:
- Awards, scholarships, travel grants.
- Address any needs that may surface during the survey.
- Assistance in managing the office including onboarding, exiting, website maintenance, events, professional development, etc.
- Collaborating with faculty, Office of Sponsored Programs, etc to increase PDs at UNLV.

It is essential that we identify an office to handle other non-faculty researchers (NFRs) who are not post-docs as this is a critical group for our research infrastructure on campus as well as our top tier metrics and ranking.
2017-18 Next steps

- What should the goals / activities be for the subcommittee?
- Who should be responsible?

The subcommittee needs to remain intact and meeting when necessary. Ultimately, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, housed in the Graduate College is responsible for all Postdocs.

Next steps include:
* Encouraging all PDs to complete the current survey.
* Review and analyze PD survey.
  - Perhaps host focus groups if necessary.
* Implement a plan based on findings to grow the PD community and meet their needs.
* Enhance and maintain PD website.
* Increase PD numbers at UNLV.
* Implement tracking to ensure PDs are meeting the Board of Regents requirement:
  - "5. The duration of Postdoctoral Fellow appointment will, in most cases, be one year or two, and may not exceed five years."
* Create and implement an exit survey to distribute to PDs when they leave.
* Need to communicate more with faculty regarding PDs.
* Establish boilerplate language for grants.
* Create a repository of successful proposals obtaining PD funding.
* Create Postdoctoral Diversity Program, draft attached, work with committee on finalizing the plan and design strategy for implementation.
* Network and get involved with the National Postdoctoral Association.
* Establish tracking system for non-faculty researchers (NFRs)
* Management of NFRs (possibly collaborate with new VP of Research & Economic Development).
* Conduct survey in Fall 2017, similar to PD survey being conducted now, to ascertain satisfaction and needs of NFRs.

Please review the list below and “X” the appropriate box(es).

☐ Potential resources required
☒ Any reports generated by this working group
  - Postdoctoral Diversity Programs
  - Postdoc Survey
  - Postdocs March 2017
☐ Metrics to be used
☐ No additional reference material

Any additional information you wish to share.
## Postdoctoral Diversity Programs

http://www.minoritypostdoc.org/view/resources.html#DivPD

### General Postdoctoral Diversity Program Information

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University of California, University of Michigan, and University of Colorado President’s/Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Program Partnerships

The University of California and the University of Michigan created the Partnership for Faculty Diversity in 2011. The purpose of the program is to support new scholars interested in research and faculty positions who will contribute to equal opportunity and diversity in higher education through their service, research, and teaching. This partnership includes the ten-campus UC system and the three UC-affiliated national laboratories: the University of Michigan, the University of Colorado, and the California Alliance. The programs offer faculty mentoring,
postdoctoral research fellowships, and academic networking and professional development opportunities. Underrepresented Ph.D. recipients are of particular interest along with those that come from non-traditional educational background.¹

**California Alliance²:**

The California Alliance consists of a partnership between four California universities: the University of California Berkeley, the University of California Los Angeles, California Institute of Technology, and Stanford. The goal is to ensure that underrepresented minority PhD graduate students and postdoctoral scholars from the alliance institutions “…aspire to and populate the ranks of postdoctoral population, the faculty at competitive research and teaching institutions, the federally funded national laboratories, and scientific think tanks.” Fields that are of central interest are Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Computer Science, and Engineering (MPCSE) and any related disciplines.

Applicants submit only one application for consideration of a postdoctoral appointment at any of the four alliance institutions. There is also a possibility that the applicants can be considered at the partnering national laboratories.

**Terms of Appointment:** Up to 8 postdoctoral fellowships are awarded by the California Alliance Fellowship Program annually. The salary is $55,000-$70,000 per year, depending on experience level and the fellow’s field, as well as funds for professional and research development. Benefits include: medical, dental, and basic life insurance coverage. Each award is for a 2-year term. Fellows are expected to focus full-time on research and professional development for scientific or faculty research careers, attend the California Alliance professional development events, meet regularly with their faculty mentor, and establish residence and participate in academic life during their postdoctoral appointment.

**University of California President’s Postdoctoral Program**

The President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program was established in 1984 with the primary goal of encouraging underrepresented Ph.D. recipients to pursue academic jobs at the University of California campuses. All applications submitted to the UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program will automatically be included in the competition for Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs if there is one on the UC campus where the proposed UC faculty mentor is found (UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program; UC Davis Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program; UC Irvine Chancellor’s ADVANCE Postdoctoral Fellowship Program; UC Irvine Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship in Criminology, Law & Society; UCLA Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program; and UC San Diego Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program).

The current program consists of faculty mentoring and postdoctoral research fellowships. It also includes eligibility for a hiring incentive to top scholars in all fields whose service, teaching, and research will add to the equal opportunity and diversity at UC. Since 2001, 75% of all President’s Postdoctoral Fellows appointed are currently in tenure track faculty position and 40% have received faculty positions at UC campuses.

**Terms of Appointment:** Approximately 15 postdoctoral fellowships are awarded annually in all research fields on any of the ten campuses. The 2013 annual award provides a salary starting at $42,000, dependent on experience level and on the fellow’s field, and $5,000 for professional and research development. Benefits include: health, vision, and dental benefits, maternity leave, paid sick leave, and 4 weeks of paid “time off” during the fellowship term. Each award is for a 12-month period, which generally begins on July 1st. The fellowship can be renewed for one additional term, but this is dependent on academic productivity and participation in program events. Fellows are expected to focus full-time on research and avoid other commitments (e.g., additional employment of teaching), attend the President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program events, meet regularly with their faculty mentor, and establish residence and participate in academic life during their postdoctoral appointment.

**Hiring Incentives:** University of California President Janet Napolitano committed 5 million in 2013 to continue the salary hiring incentive as well as create a new start-up hiring incentive for President’s and Chancellors’ postdoctoral fellows appointed since 1996 who obtain tenure-track faculty positions at any of the UC campuses. The salary hiring incentive supports previous fellows in all fields of study and provides 5 years of partial salary support to the campus. The new start-up hiring incentive supports previous fellows in STEM fields that have been appointed at any campus (including the health science schools) beginning in July 2014. It provides up to 20% of start-up costs for faculty if the total start-up costs exceed $400k, with a cap per hire of $200k.

**University of Michigan: President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

The program offers postdoctoral research fellowships in STEM, economics, and political science fields. This is combined with professional development and academic networking opportunities and faculty mentoring. The program is open to all persons who meet the eligibility criteria regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity, but preference is given to underrepresented minority groups. Postdocs can either be offered alone or combined with tenure-track faculty appointment.

**Terms of Appointment:** Nine postdoctoral fellowships are offered annually in all fields for research conducted under faculty sponsorship. The annual salary is $50-60,000, depending on experience level and on the fellow’s field. An additional $10,000 is also given for research and professional development. Each award is for a 12-month period, which generally begins on July 1st. The fellowship can be renewed for one additional term, but this is dependent on academic productivity and participation in program events. If a fellow has received an offer for a tenure-track faculty position at the time of selection or has other postdoctoral fellowship awards, the fellowship can only be awarded for one year, with no renewals. Benefits include group life insurance, enrollment in a health plan for fellow and dependent(s), sick leave (three weeks), and one month (non-accrual) of vacation. Fellows are expected to focus full-time on research and avoid other commitments (e.g., additional employment of teaching), attend the President’s

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3 UCLA Hiring Incentives: [http://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/fellowship-recipients/hiring-incentive.html](http://ppfp.ucop.edu/info/fellowship-recipients/hiring-incentive.html)
Postdoctoral Fellowship Program events, meet regularly with their faculty mentor, and establish residence and participate in academic life during their postdoctoral appointment.

**University of Colorado Boulder: Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**

The program is open to all persons who meet the eligibility criteria regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity, but preference is given to underrepresented minority groups. Postdoctoral research fellowships are offered in all academic fields. This is coupled with faculty mentoring and academic networking and professional development opportunities. Postdocs can either be offered alone or combined with tenure-track faculty appointment.

**Terms of Appointment:** Three postdoctoral fellowships are awarded annually in fields for research conducted under faculty sponsorship. A salary of $50-60,000 is provided. It is dependent on the fellow’s experience level and field. Additional funds are also given for professional and research development. Each fellowship is for a 12-month period, but a renewal of the award can be granted for one more additional term upon participation in program events and demonstration of academic productivity. If a fellow has received an offer for a tenure-track faculty position at another doctoral-research extensive institution at the time of selection or has other postdoctoral fellowship awards, the fellowship can only be awarded for one year, with no renewals. Benefits include enrollment in dental, medical, and basic life insurance coverage. It is expected that faculty mentors and departments make appropriate arrangements for other necessary resources and space. Fellows are expected to focus full-time on research and avoid other commitments (e.g., additional employment of teaching), attend the Postdoctoral Association of Colorado workshops, meet regularly with their faculty mentor, and establish residence and participate in academic life during their postdoctoral appointment.

**University of New Mexico: Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowships**

Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowships are awarded to African American, American Indian, or Hispanic doctoral degree recipients whose service, teaching, and research contribute to the diversity of any academic discipline. The goal is to enable underrepresented minority PhDs to advance their academic portfolio and their research agenda, while also furthering the University of New Mexico’s diversity initiatives.

**Terms of Appointment:** Two postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded each year, depending on funding. The term appointment will be one year, with a possible renewable appointment for the second year. This is based on funding availability and research excellence. Recipients will have a .75 FTE and a .25 FTE appointment in an academic department and the Office for Equity and Inclusion, respectively. The salary is $40,000 per year, not including funding for travel and research support. Up to $1,000 will also be provided for relocation expenses.
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: The Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity

The Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity (CPPFD) fellowship is one of the oldest diversity fellowship programs in the country. Since its founding in 1983, over 160 scholars have participated. Around 750 applications are received each year, and the program typically funds 4-5 new postdocs per year. The goal of the program is to develop scholars from underrepresented groups for possible tenure track positions at either the University of North Carolina or other research universities.

**Terms of Appointment:** The term of the postdoc is two years. At one time, the program supports 10 postdocs. The annual salary is $42,000, with an additional $2,000 per year for research funds (including travel expenses). Appointees begin on July 1st. Benefits include health benefits, an office, a computer, and a mentor.

Iowa State University: AGEP Post-Doctoral Fellows

In order to be nominated, a postdoc must work in a STEM field as is defined by NSF and be a member of an underrepresented minority group (American Indian, African American, and Hispanic). Teaching load cannot exceed 1 + 1.

**Terms of Appointment:** The term of the postdoc is for a maximum of 2 years. The salary is up to $15,000 with an additional $1,000 for conference expenses. Benefits are included, but the website does not specify what these are.

Ohio State University: Social and Behavioral Sciences Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in the College of Arts and Sciences

The program was established in 2009 to support scholars who are committed to diversity in academia. Scholars’ research interests must focus on experiences of groups that are historically under-represented. One of the primary goals is to prepare these scholars for tenure-track faculty appointments. Fellows must be affiliated with one of the academic units of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS): Speech and Hearing Science, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Communication, Geography, Economics, and Anthropology. The division also houses 6 interdisciplinary research units: Institute for Population Research, Criminal Justice Research Center, the Center for Human Resource Research, the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, the Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging, and the Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences.

**Terms of Appointment:** Up to three fellowships will be awarded. The appointment is intended for two years, but re-appointment for the second year is contingent on the fellow’s research performance. The fellow may be invited into a tenure-track assistant professor position if one is becoming available in the affiliated unit, pending a strong positive review during the second year. The appointment begins on September 1st. The annual salary is $45,000, with additional research support budget. Benefits include university medical benefits. Opportunities to teach are available.
Postdoc Survey Intro

UNLV GRADUATE COLLEGE

The following survey is designed to help the UNLV Graduate College improve the quality of programming and support available to all Postdoctoral Fellows. The survey should take between twenty and thirty minutes to complete. We recommend that you have a copy of your updated CV as you take the survey to help with answering some of the questions. If necessary, you can complete only a portion of the survey and return later to finish. You can return to the survey at any time using the link provided in your email invitation. The software will automatically save your responses as you progress through the survey.

You may be assured of complete confidentiality. Your email address will be stored only to track survey completion. The data will be reported only in the aggregate and no individual will be identified. Please do not provide self-identifying information in open-ended questions.

Degree Information

In what year did you receive your doctoral degree?

Where did you earn your doctoral degree?

What department did you earn your doctoral degree in?
What was the type of doctoral degree earned?

Please include the type of degree earned in the box below.

General Questions about Postdoc at UNLV

We are interested in why you thought a postdoc position was the right step for you versus going straight to academia or industry. Please rate the importance of the following factors in your decision to choose a postdoc position.

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During the time you were applying for your UNLV postdoctoral position, did you also apply to non-postdoctoral positions?

Yes, I also applied to non-postdoctoral positions

No, I only applied to postdoctoral positions

Is this your first postdoctoral position?

Yes

No

Are you working full-time as a postdoc?

Yes

No

What is the primary source of funding for your present postdoctoral position?
Please list the primary funding source below.

Does the term of your postdoctoral appointment depend on you securing funding?

Yes
No

Which of the following best describes the person primarily responsible for supervising your work?

Please describe the person primarily responsible for supervising your work.

Since the beginning of your postdoc position at UNLV, how many papers have you published in conference proceedings?

Since the beginning of your postdoc position at UNLV, how many papers have you authored for presentation at regional, national, or international conferences (do not include papers published in conference proceedings)?

Since the beginning of your postdoc position at UNLV, how many articles have you had accepted for publication or already published in a peer-reviewed journal?

Since the beginning of your postdoc position at UNLV, how many articles have you submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal and have not yet been accepted for publication (Note: if you have submitted one paper multiple time, count it once)?
Since the beginning of your postdoc position at UNLV, how many books or chapters have you published?

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<td>Taught courses or delivered lectures as part of a course</td>
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<td>Worked with other postdocs in your research group</td>
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<td>Served as a reviewer for a conference, journal, or an agency, institution, or organization</td>
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<td>Prepared grant proposals (funded or not, including fellowship proposals)</td>
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**UNLV Postdoc Workload and Performance Evaluation**

On average, how many hours per week do you work in your postdoc position?
Overall, how would you rate the reasonableness of your workload?

Much too light  Too light  About right  Too heavy  Much too heavy

Have you received a written or oral performance evaluation while you have been in a postdoctoral position at UNLV? *Select all that apply.*

- Yes, I have received a written evaluation
- Yes, I have received an oral evaluation
- Yes, I have received informal feedback on my performance
- No, I have not received any type of performance evaluation

How many evaluations have you received in total during your time as a postdoc at UNLV?

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**Climate**

How satisfied are you with your overall postdoctoral experience at UNLV?

Very satisfied  Somewhat satisfied  Neither satisfied or dissatisfied  Somewhat dissatisfied  Very dissatisfied  Not applicable

Please include any applicable comments/explanations as it relates to satisfaction with your overall postdoctoral experience at UNLV.

How satisfied are you with your mentorship at UNLV?

Very satisfied  Somewhat satisfied  Neither satisfied or dissatisfied  Somewhat dissatisfied  Very dissatisfied  Not applicable
Please include any applicable comments/explanations as it relates to satisfaction with your mentorship experience at UNLV.

What things did UNLV do that made your transition to a postdoctoral fellow easier?

What suggestions do you have to make the transition to a postdoctoral fellow at UNLV easier?

What suggestions do you have to enhance the community for postdocs while they are at UNLV?
UNLV Resources

Have you used the following resources at UNLV?

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What other postdoc services would you like to see offered? *Please be as detailed as possible.*

What suggestions do you have for any specific postdoctoral workshops?

Career Resources and Goals
To what extent do you rely on the following people for career development advice?

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Do you agree with the following statement: My present postdoctoral position is preparing me adequately for my current career goals.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

What career path are you most interested in pursuing after you finish your postdoc position at UNLV?

Have you changed your career goal since coming to UNLV?

Please explain how your career goals have changed.

In the next 10 years, where do you plan to pursue a career? Select all that apply.
What suggestions do you have that may improve career preparation for UNLV postdoctoral fellows?

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**Postdoc Recommendation**

Would you recommend postdoctoral training in your field to a graduate student who is similar to you in his/her career goals?

- Would enthusiastically recommend
- Would recommend
- Neutral
- Would recommend with reservation
- Would not recommend

Please use the text box below to insert any applicable comments/explanations as it relates to recommending to a graduate student that (s)he spend time in postdoctoral training.

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I would recommend my department's graduate programs to prospective students.
Yes
No

I would recommend UNLV to other postdoctoral fellows.
Yes
No

I would hire graduates from this department's graduate program, if given the opportunity to do so.
Yes
No

If given the opportunity, I would welcome a position (i.e., faculty position, non-faculty research staff) at UNLV.
Yes
No
Additional Feedback

Please share any final thoughts, suggestions, or input with us for improving your postdoctoral experience at UNLV.

Personal Information

What is your gender?
Male
Female
Transgender or other
Prefer not to say

Which categories describe you?  
Select all categories that apply. Note: you may select more than one group.

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
Middle Eastern or North African

Some other race, ethnicity, or origin

Prefer not to answer
Which category describes your citizenship status?

Which of the following best describes your current annual personal income in your postdoctoral position?

Are you currently married or living with a long-term partner?

Yes
No

Spouse or Partner

Does your spouse/partner work in academia

Does your spouse/partner work in the Las Vegas area

Is your spouse/partner enrolled in school

Is your spouse/partner employed at UNLV

How many children do you have?

0 1 2 3 4 5 More than 5

Are you satisfied with your current childcare situation?

Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

Thank you for your participation in the 2017 UNLV Graduate College Postdoctoral Survey & thanks for sharing your feedback with us. If you have any questions regarding this survey or any of the services offered by the Graduate College team, please contact us at GradRebel@unlv.edu.
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