Faculty Meeting
Friday, November 9, 2012, 10:00am
Room 2321 Biochemical Sciences Building

Minutes

In attendance: Attie, Bednarek, Clagett-Dame, Cleland, Craig, Friesen, Kiessling, Kimble, Markley, Nelson, Ntambi, Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Pike, Raines, Record, Reed, Senes, Weibel

Absent: Amasino, Ansari, Butcher, Cox, Fox, Hayes, Holden, Hoskins, Landick, Martin, Mitchell, Ralph, Rayment, Sussman, Wickens, Wildonger

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order.

1. Seminar committee – Pagliarini
   Mr. Pagliarini, on behalf of Mr. Butcher, opened discussion on topics for the 2013 Fall Contemporary Biology Seminar. Two topics were offered: Synthetic biology and engineering living systems (proposed by Mr. Ansari) and Biochemistry of the cell (proposed by Ms. Wildonger). After discussion, Ms. Kiessling made a motion to accept both topics, but to present them successively in 2013 and 2014. Mr. Raines seconded the motion. The motion passed 18 in favor, zero against, with 1 abstention. It was agreed that Mr. Ansari and Ms. Wildonger should work with Ms. Craig and the seminar committee to determine the 2013/2014 timing.

The 2014 Steenbock Symposium was discussed. Three options were presented:

   i. Future of chemical biology (Raines / Kiessling)
   ii. Recent discoveries in plant hormone receptor signaling (Sussman)
   iii. Vitamin D, MS, and Type 1 Diabetes (Hayes)

After much discussion, Ms. Kimble made the motion to accept the future of chemical biology as the topic for the 2014 Steenbock Symposium; Mr. Raines seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Third, nominees for the 2014 Steenbock Lecture were discussed. Ms. Kiessling made a motion to accept Ron Vale as the first choice and Stuart Schreiber as the second choice; Ms. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Activities of the New Student Orientation Committee – Friesen
   Mr. Friesen brought the faculty up to date on the activities of the New Student Orientation
Committee (NSOC), including summer rotations, Orientation Week with round robin faculty presentations, and the current third lab rotations. Mr. Friesen also reminded the faculty of some important NSOC policies regarding lab rotations:

i. Faculty should advise Ms. Ryan if they have a change in the availability of space and funds in the labs, as this directly impacts their ability to accept rotators and ultimately research associates in their labs; and

ii. The NSOC will not assign a student to a rotation in a lab that does not have any funds, even if it was the student's first choice. In the end, such an assignment would only hurt the student, because it would eliminate one of their choices and possibly force a fourth rotation.

The next step in the thesis lab assignments will be for the students to submit their ranked choices to the NSOC by December 7, and for the selected faculty to rank their choices based on the student submissions. The NSOC will make a recommendation to the IPiB Steering Committee. Once ratified, the students will be advised of their assignments (or fourth rotations) on Friday, December 14.

3. **New Graduate Course on Metabolism** — Attie

Mr. Attie discussed his proposal to offer a 3-credit graduate course entitled “Metabolic Control Mechanisms and Human Disease.” After discussion and consideration of the proposed course description and structure, Ms. Kimble made a motion to approve the course as a 729 “special topics” offering in the Spring 2012-13 semester; Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elizabeth A. Craig
Department Chair