Faculty Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 9, 2015

PRESENT: Amasino, Bednarek, Cox, Craig, Fox, Friesen, Kimble, Landick, Martin, Mitchell, Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Pike, Rayment, Senes, Wickens and Wildonger

ABSENT: Ansari, Attie, Butcher, Clagett-Dame, Hayes, Holden, Hoskins, Kiessling, Markley, Ntambi, Raines, Ralph, Record, Sussman, and Weibel

Craig called the meeting to order.

1. Leigh Cagan (lcagan@warf.org), Brian Frushour (bfrushour@warf.org), Angela Kujak (akujak@warf.org), and Mark Stoveken (mstoveken@warf.org) of WARF joined for this portion of the meeting. They presented information on patenting and commercialization of research, and legal issues pertaining to the above. Please contact them with any questions.

2. Kimble announced a cross-campus workshop she is organizing on rescuing US Biomedical Research. The workshop will be held on April 11; meetings leading up to the workshop will be held in February and March. Please contact Kimble with questions.

3. Craig advised the faculty that CALS has asked Biochemistry to officially close the Enzyme Institute. Fox made a motion to formally close the Enzyme Institute; Rayment seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Martin provided an update for the Assistant Professor Search Committee. Four candidates have been invited to visit: Jeremy Baskin (Yale University Medical School), Karl Duderstadt (University of Groningen), Jingyi Fei (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), and Shigeki Watanabe (Charite-Universitätsmedizin Berlin). The committee plans to make a recommendation to the faculty during the February 13 faculty meeting.

5. Landick provided an update on the Biodesign/Biocatalysis faculty search. Seven candidates have been invited to visit. Seminars of candidates of specific interest to Biochemistry will be held in BSB 1211 (Jerome Fox of UC Berkeley; Joshua Michener of Cal Tech; Alison Narayan of UC Berkeley; and Srivastan Raman of the University of Washington). All seminars will be taped.

6. Martin presented on behalf of the BIF/BOC Committee the proposal to purchase a confocal microscope. Martin made a motion that Biochemistry purchase a confocal microscope with funds
made available at the discretion of the chair; Cox seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed with 16 in favor, 1 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Craig
Department Chair