Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 13, 2015

PRESENT: Amasino, Attie, Clagett-Dame, Cox, Craig, Fox, Hoskins, Kiessling, Kimble, Landick, Markley, Martin, Mitchell, Ntambi, Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Rayment, Record, Sussman, Wickens and Wildonger

ABSENT: Ansari, Bednarek, Butcher, Friesen, Hayes, Holden, Pike, Raines, Ralph, Senes, and Weibel

Craig called the meeting to order.

1. Craig announced that Palmenberg has been awarded a WARF named professorship.

Pagliarini reminded the faculty to vote on seminar speakers.

2. Cox reported on the BIF/Library remodel. The state has approved the proposal. Additional funds are needed in order to proceed. The funds will be used for the BIF and library remolds put forth in the original request, as well as a number of smaller updates not covered in the original request. Cox made a motion to withdraw $1.5 million from the principal of the endowment for this project (to update BIF, etc.). Fox seconded the motion, which passed 19 in favor, 1 abstention.

3. Craig opened discussion on a potential appointment in Biochemistry for Alison Narayan, who has been offered an assistant professor position in Chemistry. Narayan has requested a formal association with Biochemistry. Kimble made a motion to give Narayan Affiliate status with the department (which does not confer voting rights and is renewable every three years per FPP 5.13). Landick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously after discussion.

4. Landick provided an update on the Biodesign/Biocatalysis faculty search. The ad hoc committee on Biodesign/Biocatalysis candidates for Biochemistry (Amasino, Ansari, Fox, Hoskins, Pagliarini, Raines) identified Narayan, Raman, and TerAvest as the top three candidates for Biochemistry. Narayan was subsequently removed from consideration due to her offer from and preference for joining Chemistry as part of their search conducted independent of Biodesign/Biocatalysis. Bacteriology and Biochemistry both expressed high interest in the remaining two candidates. Second visits will occur March 17-18 (TerAvest) and April 9-10 (Raman). Landick made a motion that contingent upon the position being made available by the Provost and CALS, we would offer TerAvest a position in Biochemistry. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Discussion of Raman will occur following his visit in April.
5. Craig and Martin provided an update on the potential hire of Jeremy Baskin as assistant professor. Baskin and his spouse, Pam Chang, remain very interested in UW-Madison. Medical Microbiology and Immunology (MMI) has expressed enthusiasm for Chang, and will invite her for a visit in early April.

6. Wickens reported for the Postdoc Training Committee. The Committee met to discuss ideas for enhancing postdoctoral training. They suggest recommending (but not requiring) that postdocs choose a secondary mentor. Brief discussion followed. No opposition to the idea was expressed.

7. Hoskins reminded the faculty that everyone must sign up for iLab for BIF or students will not be able to use BIF or the equipment.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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