Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 8, 2016: 10:00am – 12:00pm

PRESENT: Amasino, Bednarek (arrived 11:22), Butcher, Caggett-Dame (exited 11:06), Cox, Craig, Fox, Friesen, Hayes (arrived 10:06), Henzler-Wildman, Holden, Hoskins, Kiessling, Landick, Markley, Martin (arrived 10:12), Mitchell, Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Raman, Record, and Sussman

ABSENT: Ansari, Attie, Kimble, Ntambi, Pike, Raines, Ralph, Rayment, Senes, Weibel, Wickens, and Wildonger

Fox called the meeting to order (10:04).

1. (10:04) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Megan Cummings joined the Biochemistry office; she will be attending faculty meetings and taking on other Chair support duties.
   b. Raman’s application for Grand Challenges Explorations (through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) has been selected for funding.
   c. Butcher awarded the CALS Spitzer Teaching Award.
   d. Pagliarini awarded the 2016 Pound Research Award.
   e. 2016 CALS Staff and Faculty awards honorees will be recognized in an event on May 4 at 3 pm in Microbial Sciences (Ebling). A reception will follow. Biochemistry honorees are Sam Butcher (CALS Spitzer Teaching); Laura Kiessling (Douglas D. Sorenson Professorship and Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor); and Dave Pagliarini (Pound Research Award).
   g. Campus support of Desire2Learn, Moodle, and Canvas (Fall 2016) will likely transition entirely to Canvas.

2. (10:10) Pagliarini provided an update on the Morgridge Metabolism faculty search. Jing Fan has been offered a position in Nutritional Sciences. Amy Caudy remains interested, and will be visiting the Departments of Genetics (April 18) and Biochemistry (April 19).

3. (10:12) Fox provided an update on the Venturelli/Romero hire (Biodesign/Biocatalysis search). Formal offers have been extended by the Department of Biochemistry. Affiliate appointments in Chemical and Biological Engineering are under consideration.

4. (10:24) Butcher reported for the Apparatus Committee. The committee received 4 proposals for 2016-17 funds:
Raman’s proposal for the purchase of a fluorescence activated cell sorter (FACS) was reviewed. Hayes made a motion to approve funding for the FACS. Butcher seconded the motion, which passed 20 in favor, 1 abstention after discussion.

Markley’s (NMRFAM) proposal for a cryo-platform replacement was reviewed. Amasino made a motion to approve funding for the request. Cox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Senes/Henzler-Wildman’s request for a size exclusion chromatography setup for the current MALLS/RI instruments of the BIF was reviewed. Butcher made a motion to approve funding for the request. Cox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Record’s (BIF) proposal to replace the BIF/BOC MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer was reviewed. Discussion of the proposal was deferred until the BIF/BOC Committee gathers further information.

5. (10:49) Fox opened discussion on the draft BIF/BOC charter memo distributed. Landick responded with suggested clarifications from the BIF/BOC Committee:
   a. The facility has been created to serve and enhance the research mission of the Biochemistry Department and the University of Wisconsin.
   b. BIF/BOC staff will prepare an annual budget document that includes a summary of planning and provide it to the Committee and the Chair (item 7).
   c. A dollar amount necessitating the involvement of the Apparatus Committee will be specified (item 8).
   d. The BIF/BOC Committee will have input into plans for equipment that may be added to the facility (proposed additional item).

6. (11:05) Sussman reported for the Non-Faculty Awards Committee. The committee evaluated and ranked Departmental Graduate Fellowship applicants (2016-17) as well as Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships applicants (summer 2016). Winners have been notified and were announced at the Departmental Reception on April 7. Sussman opened for discussion how the committee should consider allocating Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowships for Biochemistry majors not housed in Biochemistry faculty labs. The committee will return to the faculty with a proposal in a subsequent meeting.

7. (11:22) Fox reported that Attie, Kimble, Weibel, and Wickens volunteered to comprise the Committee to establish Biochemistry’s Board of Visitors. Suggestions can be shared with them.

8. (11:25) Fox announced two additional items:
   a. The new WARF Director (Erik Iverson) will visit an upcoming Biochemistry faculty meeting. He has requested suggestions of Biochemistry alumni to serve on the WARF Board of Visitors. Suggestions should be shared with Fox.
   b. A reception for Bill Rutter will be held in Biochemistry on May 13 from 2-4pm in conjunction with his Honorary Degree award visit. Details will follow.

The meeting was adjourned (11:29).

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Department of Biochemistry