Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 14, 2016: 10:00am – 12:00pm

PRESENT: Amasino (exited 11:00), Ansari (arrived 10:29), Attie (arrived 10:20), Butcher, Cox (arrived 10:52), Craig, Fox, Friesen (arrived 10:04), Henzler-Wildman, Kimble (arrived 10:22), Landick, Markley, Mitchell, Ntambi (exited 11:34), Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Pike, Raines, Raman, Rayment, Record (arrived 10:18), Romero, Sussman (exited 11:05), Venturelli, and Wickens (arrived 10:59)

ABSENT:  Bednarek, Clagett-Dame, Hayes, Holden, Hoskins, Kiessling, Martin, Ralph, Senes, Weibel, and Wildonger

Fox called the meeting to order (10:03).

1. (10:03) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Fox welcomed Venturelli and Romero to their inaugural Biochemistry faculty meetings.
   b. Biochemistry has hired a Marketing Specialist, Kaine Korzekwa, to strengthen the department’s on-line presence.
   c. Faculty committee activity reports for 2015-16 are available to view on the server under Committees/Faculty.
   d. Kallee Schneider (Radtke) is coordinating Partners in Giving Campaign now through Nov 30. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
   e. All faculty award applications should be routed through the Awards Committee to assist in coordination of department efforts. Ann Palmenberg is chair.
   f. UW2020 abstracts are due Monday, October 17. Biochemistry will provide matching funds.
   g. JJ McCord (Shipping and Receiving) has left the department after 8 years of service.
   h. No personal items should be shipped to Biochemistry. Please advise your labs accordingly.
   i. A special CLUB presentation on Nov 4 will feature faculty from the Chemistry Department on how they redesigned the freshmen Chemistry course.
   j. Svante Paabo will visit as the International Steenbock lecturer on December 8-9. RSVPs are required for seminars:
      - Thursday, December 8: Campus seminar RSVP
        3:30pm, Biochemistry Bldg room 1125 (reception to follow)
      - Friday, December 9: Public seminar Reserve a ticket
        4:00pm, Wisconsin Historical Society (reception to follow)
k. WARF will meet with Biochemistry faculty on Tuesday, November 8 at 10:30am in room 179.

l. FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) changes raising postdocs to the federal minimum pay rate will be effective December 1, 2016.

m. Biochemistry is working on a timeline for the Learn@UW transition from Moodle/D2L to Canvas. Matthew Jones will be providing support.

n. A brochure is now available for the Biochemistry undergraduate program. Please contact Media Lab for copies.

2. (10:22) Amasino reported for the Space Committee:

   Amasino made a motion to assign room 464 to Raman. Landick second the motion, which passed unanimously.

   Amasino made a motion to assign room 3242 to Venturelli. Markley second the motion, which passed 21 in favor, 1 abstention.

3. (10:24) Rayment reported for IPiB Steering Committee:

   A joint IPiB faculty meeting will be held in December in place of the usual Biochemistry faculty meeting (December 9 at 10:00am, room 2321).

   Rayment reviewed proposed changes to the IPiB Handbook. Rayment made a motion to approve the changes. Amasino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

   Rayment opened discussion on the Report by the [University] Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of the Dissertation. The IPiB Steering Committee will convey concerns to Ad Hoc Committee. (IPiB already exceeds the recommendations under discussion.)

   Rayment opened discussion on a proposed increase to the IPiB stipend beginning in 2017-18. Discussion followed. Rayment made a motion that the stipend be increased from $26,000 to $28,000. Landick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. (10:57) Cox announced that renovation plans for the BIF/BOC were accepted and are now proceeding after ~1 year delay at the state level.

5. (11:00) Record reported for the BIF/BOC committee:

   BIF/BOC will relocate to the 4th floor of BSB during renovation.

   BIF/BOC user activity has increased due to ongoing outreach activities and expanded capabilities.

   The replacement MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer was recently installed; training to follow.

6. (11:05) Cox informed the faculty that the Development Committee is proceeding with the production of a 2016 Biochemistry newsletter. Input will be requested from all faculty.

7. (11:07) Fox reviewed a proposal to the Beckman Foundation to acquire equipment and staff needed for the establishment of a Cryo-EM facility on campus, to be submitted by Biochemistry and other campus partners.

   Landick made a motion to commit $1.5M in departmental funds toward this purchase. Rayment seconded the motion, which passed 23 in favor, 1 abstention.
Landick made a motion to move forward with creating a PVL for the Cryo-EM faculty position. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed 22 in favor, 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned (11:41).

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian G. Fox
Chair, Department of Biochemistry