Faculty Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 10, 2017: 10:00am – 11:00am

PRESENT: Amasino, Attie, Bednarek, Butcher, Clagett-Dame (exited 10:19), Cox, Craig, Fox, Hayes, Kimble (arrived 10:05), Markley, Martin (arrived 10:09), Ntambi (arrived 10:32), Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Pike, Raman, Record (arrived 10:17), Romero (exited 10:08, returned 10:12, exited 11:00), Senes (arrived 10:10), Venturelli (exited 11:05), Wickens (exited 11:02) and Wildonger

ABSENT: Ansari, Friesen, Henzler-Wildman, Holden, Hoskins, Landick, Mitchell, Ralph, Rayment, Sussman, and Weibel

Fox called the meeting to order (10:02).

1. (10:02) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Results of faculty e-votes since previous meeting:
      October 20, 2017: Departmental policy on promotion to full professor passed
      October 20, 2017: Executive Committee approved Craig 2017-18 post tenure report
      October 23, 2017: Eric Montemayor granted limited PI status
   b. VCRGE announced a call for proposals for the UW-Madison Data Science Initiative, due March 15, 2018. The Department will provide matching funds.
   c. Faculty are invited to participate in donating to the Biochemistry Leadership Fund through the UW Foundation. The fund is “used for research, equipment, to support faculty and student recruiting, and to improve the graduate program.” The display on the first floor of Biochem Labs will be updated to reflect additional donors. Please contact Sarah Saunders for details on making a donation.
   d. Kallee Schneider is coordinating the Partners in Giving Campaign now through November 30. Everyone is encouraged to participate. A chili cook-off will be held November 16 in the BSB Atrium.
   e. Nominations for 2018-19 CALS WDGF Fellowships are due to Megan Pierce by December 20; Departmental Fellowships due date TBA. Please refer to the Biochemistry website for details.
   f. Campus received 49 cluster hire proposals, five of which involve Biochemistry.
   g. Nutritional Sciences has requested discussion about creating a Division with Biochemistry. Concerns regarding CALS reorganization can be directed to Brian Fox or Mary Wickens.
2. (10:29) Fox provided an update on Cryo-EM candidate Liz Wright. Paul Ahlquist, Katrina Forest, and Marisa Otegui, members of the Cryo-EM Search Committee, joined the meeting. Fox made a motion to move forward in bringing Liz Wright to campus for this position. Markley seconded the motion, which passed 22 in favor, 3 abstentions after discussion. (Electronic voting for faculty unable to attend the meeting provided an additional 3 in favor, 1 abstention.) Otegui, Forest, and Ahlquist exited the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion.

3. (10:48) Hayes led a discussion on behalf of the CALS Equity and Diversity Committee. A copy of the committee’s report was circulated. Discussion followed. Hayes will return to the faculty with additional information and recommendations at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting was adjourned (11:19).

Respectfully submitted,

Brian G. Fox
Chair, Department of Biochemistry