Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, December 8, 2017: 10:00am – 11:00am

PRESENT: Amasino, Attie (arrived 10:07, exited 11:34), Butcher, Clagett-Dame (exited 11:07, returned 11:15, exited 11:33, returned 11:37), Craig, Fox, Friesen, Hayes, Henzler-Wildman, Kimble, Landick, Markley, Martin (arrived 10:06), Ntambi (exited 10:54), Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Ralph, Raman, Record (arrived 10:25), Romero, Senes (exited 10:49), Weibel (exited 11:15), Wickens, and Wildonger (exited 10:43)

ABSENT: Ansari, Bednarek, Cox, Holden, Hoskins, Mitchell, Pike, Rayment, Sussman, and Venturelli

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

1. (10:03) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Results of faculty e-votes since previous meeting:
      December 6, 2017: Executive Committee approved Wickens 2017-18 post tenure report.
   b. Squire Booker, former postdoctoral associate in the Frey lab, has been named Eberly Family Distinguished Chair in Science at Penn State University.
   c. 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.
   d. The annual IPiB Poster Session will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018.
   e. Campus access to D2L and Moodle will end on June 1, 2018. Contact Matthew Jones with any questions.
   f. Faculty Annual Reports are due to Megan Pierce by January 12, 2018.
   g. The Seminar Committee is still accepting proposals for the 2020 Steenbock Symposium. Please send proposals to Aaron Hoskins.
   h. Review of Biochemistry complex flooding issues and potential street remodeling is complete; a meeting to discuss remodel options is scheduled for this month.
   i. Field remediation assessment of the Cryo-EM area was completed earlier this week: informal conversation is positive; all issues appear to be fixable.
   j. Construction on BIF/BOC will begin soon.

2. (10:08) Henzler-Wildman circulated a proposed revision to IPiB breadth requirement language. Discussion followed. Henzler-Wildman made a motion that the faculty accept the proposed revised wording for the breadth requirement (substituting “or” for “and”) as indicated in red on the circulated document. Markley seconded the motion, which passed 19 in favor, 1 abstention.
3. (10:16) Fox introduced the next agenda items pertaining to faculty hiring. Opportunities for hiring via Cryo-EM, cluster hires, and Morgridge partnerships were discussed. The department’s Vision for Future Hires document was circulated, and a discussion on the direction of hiring in the department ensued, encompassing subsequent related agenda items. Of note:
   a. Review of campus cluster hire proposals is in progress; the review committee will forward recommendations to the Provost and VCRGE next week.
   b. Morgridge’s Metabolism faculty search continues; candidates will visit campus in January and February 2018.
   c. Saif Hasan, candidate of interest for Cryo-EM and Virology, will visit campus in January 2018.
   d. Mario Halic, Cryo-EM search candidate, visited campus this week. An email survey will be circulated to collect feedback for the search committee.

4. (11:16) Fox directed faculty to the Morgridge Investigator/UW Faculty Search in Cryo-EM Image Analysis proposal provided by Paul Ahlquist, which invites Biochemistry to serve as a tenure home for the potential Morgridge hire. Kimble made a motion that Biochemistry respond to the proposal in the affirmative. Henzler-Wildman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. (11:21) Hayes led a discussion on behalf of the CALS Equity and Diversity Committee. A copy of the committee’s report and related materials were circulated. Hayes made a motion that Biochemistry sponsor a WISELI Workshop, “Breaking the Bias Habit: A workshop to Promote a Diverse, Welcoming, and Inclusive Campus” for faculty and staff. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously after discussion.

The meeting was adjourned (11:39).

Respectfully submitted,

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