Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 14, 2017: 10:00am – 12:00pm

PRESENT: Amasino, Attie, Butcher, Clagett-Dame, Cox, Fox, Friesen, Hoskins, Kimble, Landick, Markley, Martin (arrived 10:05), Mitchell (arrived 10:13), Ntambi, Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Pike, Raines (arrived 10:21), Ralph, Raymond, Romero (arrived 10:06), Senes, Sussman, Venturelli (arrived 10:06), and Wildonger

ABSENT: Ansari, Bednarek, Craig, Hayes, Henzler-Wildman, Holden, Kiessling, Raman, Record, Weibel, and Wickens

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

1. (10:04) Kris Turkow and Brenda Renaud from the Biochemistry front office joined the meeting to present the new grants checklist that they created. Discussion followed. Turkow and Renaud exited the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion.

2. (10:16) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Mark Keller was awarded the Distinguished Prefix title.
   b. Bob Landick was named Scientific Director at the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center.
   c. Landick’s Cryo-EM and Mitchell’s Computational Pipeline UW2020 proposals to be funded.
   d. Biochemistry Travel Awards are available to eligible postdocs and graduate students. Please encourage your eligible lab members to utilize this resource.
   e. New Departmental Post-Tenure Review and Promotion to Tenure policies were approved by faculty vote.
   f. The Pacific Bioscience Sequel instrument (purchased via UW2020 grant) will be installed during the week of April 17, 2017.

3. (10:20) Amasino reported for the Space Committee. The Kiessling lab will be vacating room 475 Biochemistry Labs. Amasino made a motion to assign 475 Biochemistry Labs to Henzler-Wildman. Senes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. (10:22) Hoskins reported for the Seminar Committee. The department of Anthropology has invited Biochemistry to co-sponsor a University Lecture (Professor Clark Spencer Larsen of Ohio State University) in October 2017. Discussion followed. Hoskins made a motion to decline the invitation to co-sponsor the University Lecture. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Hoskins announced the results of the 2017-2018 Seminar Series voting. Sponsors should contact their speakers.

5. (10:29) Rayment reported for the IPiB Seminar Committee. The Graduate School has changed the minimum of PhD thesis committee members from five to four members. Open discussion followed on whether IPiB should lower the number to four or leave it at five as currently defined in the IPiB handbook. Rayment will convey concerns and opinions of the Biochemistry faculty to the IPiB Steering Committee.

6. (10:41) Pagliarini reported on upcoming Morgridge faculty recruitments, including candidate Benjamin Tu, who will visit on May 2, 2017. Pagliarini proposed future recruiting be carried out in a more coordinated manner in order to optimize joint recruitments between Morgridge and UW departments. Further discussion to follow at a subsequent faculty meeting.

7. (10:52) Sussman reported for the Non-Faculty Awards Committee. The committee evaluated and ranked applications for the Mary Shine Peterson Award, the Biochemistry Undergraduate Summer Research Award, and Graduate Departmental Fellowships. Winners have been notified and will be announced at the Departmental Awards Reception on April 20, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned (10:55).

Respectfully submitted,

Brian G. Fox

Chair, Department of Biochemistry