Faculty Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 11, 2018: 10:00am – 12:00pm

PRESENT: Ansari (arrived 10:52), Attie, Butcher, Clagett-Dame, Cox, Craig, Fox, Friesen (arrived 10:10), Hoskins, Kimble, Landick (arrived 10:10), Markley, Martin (arrived 10:06), Palmenberg, Pike, Ralph (exited 11:49, returned 11:51), Rayment, Record, Romero, Senes, Venturelli (exited 11:10), Weibel (exited 11:49, returned 10:51), Wickens, and Wildonger


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

1. (10:03) Lisa Martin, Associate Dean of Graduate Education, joined the meeting to introduce herself and give an overview of the services and resources provided by the Graduate School. Martin exited at the end of the conversation.

2. (10:24) Fox made the following announcements:

   a. Results of faculty e-votes since previous meeting:
      • March 28, 2018: Executive Committee voted in favor of the promotion of Elizabeth Wright to the rank of Full Professor with tenure.
      • April 20, 2018: Faculty voted in favor of granting Zsolt Zolnai limited PI status.
      • April 27, 2018: Executive Committee voted in favor of extending Romero contract by three years.
      • April 27, 2018: Executive Committee voted in favor of extending Venturelli contract by three years.
      • May 8, 2018: Faculty voted in favor of offering Jason Cantor a tenure home in Biochemistry.

   b. Campus access to D2L and Moodle will end on June 1, 2018. Contact Matthew Jones with any questions.

   c. Aaron Hoskins selected to receive 2018 CALS Pound Research Award.

   d. Phil Romero selected to receive 2018 Shaw Scientist Award.

   e. Bob Landick elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

   f. The Department is now offering Teaching Fellowships to students in Biochemistry faculty labs. Applications are due May 21, 2018. (All students received Box access to upload their applications.)
g. Seminar Committee circulated materials on upcoming Steenbock Symposium and 2018-19 seminar series.

h. Parking application period will be delayed this year, resulting in a short turnaround time for applicants. Watch your email for updates.

i. UW2020 winners announced:
   • Acquisition of an Illumina NovaSeq Next Generation DNA Sequencer for UW–Madison
     Mike Susman, PI (Mike Cox, Aaron Hoskins, Bob Landick, Vatsan Raman, Phil Romero, Marv Wickens, Co PIs)
   • Advancing CRISPR-mediated Genome Editing Technology at UW–Madison to Model Human Disease
     Dave Pagliarini, Co-PI
   • Building a Translational Research Pipeline to Personalize Diabetes Prevention and Treatment
     Alan Attie, Collaborator
   • Accelerating Lead Optimization to Clinical Application Using Microscale Thermophoresis to Quantify Molecular Interactions
     Mike Sussman and Doug Weibel, Collaborators
   • All-Optical Electrophysiology-Electrophysiology without Electrodes
     Katie Henzler-Wildman, Collaborator

3. (10:30) Senes led a discussion on behalf of the IPiB Recruiting Committee. A summary of IPiB admission and recruiting was presented, detailing 2018 recruiting efforts compared to previous years. Discussion followed on the importance of increasing Biochemistry faculty participation going forward. The IPiB Recruiting Committee was requested to identify dates that the faculty should reserve for recruiting purposes as soon as possible.

4. (10:48) Rayment reported for the Space Committee. Rayment made a motion to assign Ophelia Venturelli part of room 3228 BSB for an anaerobic chamber. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. (10:50) Fox led a discussion on Affiliations. FP&P 5.13 defines Affiliations; much discretion is left to the department. Further discussion will follow at October’s joint IPiB faculty meeting with BMC (October 19, 2018).

6. (11:09) Fox provided an update on the CALS Reorganization. A draft of the Department Structure Concept document was provided. Discussion followed. Landick made a motion that the faculty strongly endorse hiring two new faculty members beginning in the fall of 2018 (independent from cluster hires) and endorse the Chair to pursue the hires by whatever means possible. Wickens seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The document on the future vision of hiring in the department will be discussed at next month’s faculty meeting (Friday, June 8, 2018).

The meeting was adjourned (11:28).

Respectfully submitted,
Brian G. Fox
Chair, Department of Biochemistry