Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 29, 2018: 3:30 – 4:30pm

PRESENT: Amasino (arrived 3:32), Attie (arrived 3:32, exited 4:33), Bednarek, Butcher (arrived 3:32), Cantor, Cox, Fox, Friesen, Henzler-Wildman (exited 3:42), Hoskins, Kimble (arrived 3:32), Landick (arrived 3:32), Pagliarini, Palmenberg, Pike, Raman (exited 4:32), Rayment, Record (arrived 3:33), Romero, Senes, Venturelli (exited 4:32), Wickens, and Wright

ABSENT: Ansari, Clagett-Dame, Craig, Hayes, Holden, Markley, Martin, Mitchell, Ntambi, Ralph, Wildonger, and Sussman

Fox called the meeting to order (3:31).

1. (3:32) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Jason Cantor welcomed to his inaugural faculty meeting.
   b. Faculty E-Votes from August:
      • August 1, 2018: Faculty selected Sam Butcher and Marv Wickens as Co-Chairs of the Chair Transition and Evaluation Committee
      • August 2, 2018: Faculty voted in favor of granting Ti-Yu Lin limited PI status
      • August 7, 2018: Faculty voted in favor of offering Judith Simcox a tenure track Assistant Professor position in Biochemistry
      • August 17, 2018: Executive Committee voted in favor of approving Aaron Hoskins’ 2019-20 sabbatical request
      • August 27, 2018: Executive Committee voted in favor of approving Alan Attie’s 2019-20 sabbatical request
   c. Please register for both sections of this fall’s WISELI faculty hiring workshops. Note that September 14 and December 14 WISELI dates conflict with Biochemistry faculty meetings. Training is valid for 4 years.
   d. IT/Media Lab will be contacting faculty to update web pages. Please be responsive.
   e. Please contact the Awards Committee (Palmenberg, chair) in advance if interested in applying for awards.
   f. Doug Weibel has been appointed Honorary Fellow in Biochemistry.
   g. Harriet Gorski, Jack Gorski’s wife, passed away last week. An obituary and memorial information will be circulated when it becomes available.

2. (3:38) Fox opened discussion on faculty hiring. Five opportunities for hiring are underway:
a. Faculty Diversity Initiative Hire (Target of Opportunity: Judith Simcox): Biochemistry and Nutritional Sciences have both voted in favor of offering Simcox a position within respective departments.

b. Morgridge Hire (with Biochemistry and Biostatistics and Medical Informatics) in Cryo-Electron Microscope Image Analysis.

c. Waisman Cluster Hire in Functional Genetics/Genomics of Neurodevelopmental and Neurodegenerative Diseases (Qiang Chang “cluster lead”).

d. IMV Cluster Hire (Ann Palmenberg “cluster lead”): the search is expected to begin in September, with candidates visiting this fall.

e. Departmental Hire: Dean Vandenbosch has granted approval to move forward. The Department’s Vision Document identifying four key areas for hiring was distributed. Draft ads were distributed. Discussion followed.

   (4:31) Landick made a motion to authorize the Chair to use discretion to determine the best path forward in posting position ads given the faculty-expressed sentiments to indicate a multi-year hiring plan to build on its strength in biochemical research. Kimble seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed with 20 in favor, 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned (4:37).

Respectfully submitted,

Brian G. Fox
Chair, Department of Biochemistry