Faculty Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 15, 2019: 11:00am – 1:00pm

PRESENT: Amasino, Attie, Bednarek (arrived 11:06), Butcher, Cantor, Craig, Fox, Friesen, Henzler-Wildman, Hoskins, Kimble (arrived 11:09, exited 11:11, returned 11:15), Landick (via Webex, exited 12:42), Markley, Martin, Ntambi, Palmenberg, Pike, Raman, Romero, Senes (joined via Webex 11:26), Simcox, Venturelli, Wickens (via Webex), Wildonger (exited 12:37, rejoined via Webex 12:39), and Wright

ABSENT: Ansari, Cox, Hayes, Holden, Pagliarini, Ralph, Rayment, Record, and Sussman

Fox called the meeting to order (11:03).

1. (11:03) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Faculty E-Votes since last meeting:
      February 9, 2019: Faculty approved to offer Xander Barnes a faculty position in the Department of Biochemistry.
   b. Sales tax is no longer reimbursable (i.e. on hosted meals for seminar speakers or faculty candidates). Faculty members will receive a tax-exempt card in their mailboxes (or hand-delivered to those faculty without mailboxes in this building). Additional cards for students and staff are available at the front desk.
   c. Faculty unable to attend faculty meetings in person may now join via Webex. The link has been added to calendar invitations, and is also accessible at https://uwmadison.webex.com.

2. (11:04) Biochemistry faculty affiliate, Sam Gellman, joined the meeting to discuss potential affiliate positions for Chemistry's faculty candidates, Weixin Tang and Tina Wang. Candidate applications were circulated and discussion followed. Henzler-Wildman made a motion to invite Weixin Tang and Tina Wang to Biochemistry to give seminars this fall. Butcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. (11:11) Palmenberg presented for IMV’s cluster hiring initiative in “Metastructures of Viral Infection.” Materials were circulated for Rob Kirchoferer (Scripps Research Institute) and discussion followed. Palmenberg made a motion that Biochemistry extend an offer to Rob Kirchoferer for a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Biochemistry. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
(11:31) Butcher provided an update on the RNA-Virology hiring initiative. Siyuan Ding (Stanford) visited the campus in January 2019 and a second visit will soon be scheduled.

(11:34) Wright provided an update on the joint search between Morgridge, BMI, and Biochemistry in “Cryo-EM Image Analysis.” Tim Grant (HHMI Janelia Farm Research Campus) and Muyuan Chen (Baylor College of Medicine) visited campus in February 2019, and William Wan (Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry Martinsried) will visit next week. His seminar is scheduled for Monday, March 18 at 9:30am in 1211 BSB.

(11:35) Henzler-Wildman presented for the Biochemistry faculty search committee. The committee identified two candidates of interest: Scott Coyle (Stanford) and Johnathan Coleman (Oregon Health & Science University). Candidate applications were circulated and discussion followed.

Henzler-Wildman made a motion that Biochemistry extend an offer to Scott Coyle for a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Biochemistry. Butcher seconded the motion. An electronic ballot was distributed following the meeting to all who attended the discussion. The motion passed 20 in favor; 1 opposed; 0 abstentions.

Henzler-Wildman made a motion that if Scott Coyle declines, Biochemistry extend an offer to Jonathan Coleman for a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Biochemistry. Romero seconded the motion. An electronic ballot was distributed following the meeting to all who attended the discussion. The motion failed with 11 in favor; 9 opposed; 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned (12:49).

Respectfully submitted,

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