Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 12, 2019: 10:00am – 12:00pm

PRESENT: Amasino (exited 11:43), Attie (arrived 10:27, exited 11:47), Butcher (exited 11:43), Cantor (exited 11:37), Craig (exited 11:42), Fox (exited 11:37), Henzler-Wildman (via Webex, exited 10:47), Hoskins (exited 11:42), Kimble (exited 11:49), Landick (arrived 10:03, exited 11:41), Markley (via Webex, exited 11:29), Pagliarini (exited 11:43), Palmenberg (exited 11:43), Raman (exited 11:37), Rayment (exited 11:41), Record (exited 11:45), Romero (exited 11:37), Senes (exited 11:49), Simcox (exited 11:37), Venturelli (arrived 10:05, exited 11:29), Wickens, Wildonger (exited 11:00), and Wright

ABSENT: Ansari, Bednarek, Cox, Friesen, Hayes, Holden, Martin, Ntambi, Pike, Ralph, and Sussman

Fox called the meeting to order (10:02).

1. (10:02) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Faculty E-Votes since last meeting:
      March 16, 2019: Faculty approved to offer Scott Coyle a faculty position in the Department of Biochemistry.
      March 16, 2019: Faculty did not approve to offer Jonathan Coleman a faculty position in the Department of Biochemistry if Scott Coyle declines.
   b. Xander Barnes declined Madison to accept an offer to join ETH in Switzerland.
   c. Marv Wickens awarded the 2019 CALS Excellence in International Activities Award.
   d. Faculty input for visiting candidates should be vetted through the search committee chair.
   e. Shared equipment proposals for 2019 are due to Sam Butcher, chair of the Apparatus Committee by May 17.

2. (10:05) Wright presented for the joint search between Morgridge, BMI, and Biochemistry in “Cryo-EM Image Analysis.” Materials were circulated for Tim Grant (HHMI Janelia Farm Research Campus) and discussion followed. Wright made a motion to offer Tim Grant a tenure-track home in Biochemistry. Kimble seconded the motion. An electronic ballot was distributed following the meeting to all who attended the discussion. The motion passed with 19 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.
(10:33) Butcher presented for the Biochemistry faculty search committee. Materials were circulated for Amy Weeks, a potential spousal hire from University of CA - San Francisco. Discussion followed. Butcher made a motion that Biochemistry offer Amy Weeks a tenure-track faculty position in Biochemistry. Kimble seconded the motion. An electronic ballot was distributed following the meeting to all who attended the discussion. The motion passed with 21 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.

(11:00) Butcher provided an update on the RNA-Virology hiring initiative. Siyuan Ding from Stanford has accepted an offer at Washington University.

(11:00) Palmenberg provided an update on IMV’s cluster hiring initiative in “Metastructures of Viral Infection.” Rob Kirchdoerfer plans to sign Biochemistry’s offer letter by the end of the day.

3. (11:03) Wright distributed for review a draft PVL for a tenure-track assistant professor position in Cryo-EM. Wright made a motion to approve the PVL. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously after discussion.

4. (11:17) Fox introduced two proposals regarding the disposition of Elmer the Elm Tree:
   a. Biochemistry creates a new donor wall from the wood using department funds. Palmenberg made a motion to support the proposal. Hoskins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
   b. Biochemistry uses wood from Elmer to create furniture to be displayed in the fishbowl room (1218 BSB). Discussion followed. Fox will return to the faculty with additional information at a subsequent meeting.

5. (11:29) Kerry Tobin from Biochemistry IT joined the meeting to give an overview on the new smartboard in room 179 Biochem Labs.

The meeting was adjourned (11:51).

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Department of Biochemistry