Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 10, 2020: 10:00am – 12:00pm

PRESENT: Amasino, Bednarek, Butcher, Cantor, Coyle, Craig, Fox, Friesen, Hoskins, Kimble, Kirchdoerfer, Landick, Markley (via Webex, arrived 10:08), Palmenberg, Raman, Record (arrived 10:04), Romero, Senes (arrived 10:04), Simcox, Sussman, Venturelli (arrived 10:21), Weeks, Wildonger, and Wright (arrived 10:05)

ABSENT: Attie (sabbatical), Cox, Hayes, Henzler-Wildman, Holden, Martin, Ntambi, Pagliarini, Pike, Ralph, Rayment, Rienstra, and Wickens

Fox called the meeting to order (10:01).

1. (10:03) Kate VandenBosch (Dean and Director of CALS) and Mark Rickenbach (Senior Associate Dean of CALS) joined the meeting to discuss CALS reorganization efforts overall and Biochemistry’s position within it; Biochemistry’s faculty hiring campaign; and the balance of teaching, research, and outreach, including CALS’s draft Teaching Load Policy. VandenBosch and Rickenbach exited the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion.

2. (11:01) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. Faculty E-Votes since last meeting:
      December 13, 2019: Faculty voted in favor of granting Limited PI status to Mark Meyer
      December 13, 2019: Executive Committee voted in favor of approving Henzler-Wildman’s post-tenure review
      December 13, 2019: Full Professors voted in favor of promoting Dave Pagliarini to full professor
      December 13, 2019: Full Professors voted in favor of promoting Alessandro Senes to full professor
   b. Chad Rienstra’s tenure was approved by the Divisional Committee.
   c. Sam Butcher was awarded the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching award.
   d. The Biochemistry/Microbiology Undergraduate Advising Hub in BSB 1315 is now open. Amy Betzelberger is Hub manager, with advisors Katy France, Morgan Reidinger, and Jolijn Nagelkerke.
   e. Do not carry biological research materials in luggage when travelling internationally.
   f. Faculty annual reports are due Monday, January 13.
   g. The IPiB Poster Session will be held on Friday, January 17. Please encourage poster presenters to attend their posters during upcoming recruiting weekends.
h. Nominations for Departmental Fellowships are due to Bre Sinotte by January 24.

i. Mary Shine Peterson and Undergraduate Summer Research Award applications are due February 1 in WiSH.

j. Letters submitted as part of application or nomination packages – or similarly submitted in confidence – will be shared electronically only as needed. To preserve confidentiality, parameters will be such that documents are available for preview only, and not available for download or forwarding.

3. (11:12) Palmenberg presented for the RNA virology cluster hiring initiative. Research summaries for two top candidates were distributed for review. Palmenberg made the following motions:
   a. Motion to invite Anna-Lena Steckelberg to visit campus for potential meetings with Biochemistry faculty. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed with 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.
   b. Motion to invite Schuyler van Engelenburg to visit campus for potential meetings with Biochemistry faculty. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. (11:41) Fox distributed for review the CALS’s draft Teaching Load Policy. The policy will be revisited for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

5. (11:44) Senes introduced the IPiB proposal to end degree and coursework requirements for admission. The proposal was distributed to faculty for review. Senes made a motion to approve the removal of course requirements as described in the proposal. Kimble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously after discussion.

6. (11:46) Landick introduced a proposal to change IPiB guidelines to allow for open rotations. Discussion followed. A straw vote showed 22 in favor of the proposed changes to guidelines, 2 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned (12:09).

Respectfully submitted,

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