Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 10, 2017: 10:00am – 12:00pm

PRESENT: Amasino, Attie (exited 11:27), Butcher, Clagett-Dame, Cox (arrived 11:32), Craig, Fox, Henzler-Wildman, Hoskins, Kiessling (exited 11:45), Landick (exited 11:44), Markley, Martin (arrived 10:05, exited 11:05), Mitchell, Palmenberg, Pike (exited 11:36), Raines (arrived 10:07, exited 11:45), Raman, Rayment, Record (arrived 10:13), Romero, Senes, Venturelli (arrived 10:21), and Wickens

ABSENT: Ansari, Bednarek, Friesen, Hayes, Holden, Kimble, Ntambi, Pagliarini, Ralph, Sussman, Weibel, and Wildonger

Fox called the meeting to order (10:04).

1. (10:04) Fox made the following announcements:
   a. CALS Canvas migration to be completed this spring; contact Matthew Jones for assistance. D2L courses will continue to be accessible until summer 2018.
   b. IPiB retreat scheduled for September 22, 2017.
   c. Biochemistry received nine nominations for Departmental Fellowships.
   d. Please send any comments on Post Tenure Review and Tenure Review procedures by March 17. An e-vote to accept or not accept changes will be sent out later in the month.
   e. The 9th International Conference on Biogenesis and Function of Fe-S Proteins (Steenbock Symposium hosted by John Markley and Tricia Kiley) will be held May 29- June 2, 2018.
   f. Registration is open for the 2017 Steenbock Symposium, hosted by Alan Attie, Tom Martin, and Jon Audhya.
   g. CryoEM PVL has been sent up to CALS.
   h. Faculty candidate, David Shechner, interview for the end of March to be canceled. Morgridge no longer perusing Yasmin Sancak, spouse of David Shechner.

2. (10:12) Butcher reported for the Apparatus Committee regarding recommendations for Equipment fund proposals.
   a) Four pieces of equipment totaling $376,051 were recommended for funding: Flow Cytometer, Confocal, Animal Stations, and LiCor. Butcher made a motion to approve funding for all four. Landick seconded the motion, which passed 20 in favor, 2 abstentions.
b) NMRFAM received Apparatus Committee funding in 2016 for a cryo-platform replacement, a portion of which made sense to delay; this delay resulted in some of the Apparatus Committee allocation being unspent. Butcher made a motion to allow the use of $44,000 in unspent 2016 funds to be re-budgeted to cover more urgent NMRFAM repairs. Landick seconded the motion, which passed 20 in favor, 2 abstentions.

c) The request for the purchase of a new liquid scintillation counter (LSC) will be revisited next year. Discussion revealed numerous back-up LSCs to be on site in the Biochemistry complex.

d) A proposal to purchase a microtome was presented. A survey of faculty interest will be conducted and the proposal revisited at a subsequent faculty meeting.

e) A proposal to purchase an Illumina MiSeq DNA sequencer was presented. Discussion followed. Data will be gathered regarding the use of Biotech’s MiSeq, and the proposal revisited at a subsequent faculty meeting if necessary.

3. (10:54) Hoskins provided updates for the Seminar Committee. Speakers for the 2017-18 Green Lecture, International Steenbock Lecture, and Steenbock Lecture were then voted on.

William DeGrado (nominator: Romero) was first choice for the Green Lectureship, with Tom Muir (nominator: Ansari) as second choice.

Reinhard Lührmann (nominator: Hoskins) was first choice for the International Steenbock Lectureship, with Hans Clevers (nominator: Kimble) as second choice.

Bonnie Bassler (nominator: Venturelli) was first choice for the Steenbock Lectureship, with Brian Kobilka (nominator: Henzler-Wildman) as second choice.

4. (11:15) Fox gave an update on the BIF/BOC remodel. The remodel is on the Board of Regents agenda on April 19; from there, we go out for bids, with construction expected to start in October 2017.

5. (11:16) Fox informed the faculty of the CALS Organizational Redesign Committee, which has been charged with developing alternate structural models of CALS. Discussion followed. Fox serves on the committee. Please direct suggestions to him.

The meeting was adjourned (11:49).

Respectfully submitted,

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