Minutes
Biology Major Executive Committee
February 16, 2015

Present were Christine Davis, Alice Harmon, Mike Miyamoto, Patrick Inglett, Bobbi Knickerbocker, Herschel Johnson, Bala “Saba” Rathinasabapathi, Bill Spencer, and Cindy Link

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The committee was informed that there are 13 CLAS proposals for Spring 2015 graduates.
2. Four undergraduate travel awards have been awarded. There are funds for six more awards, and if all the funds have not been awarded by the end of this fiscal year, the remaining funds will also be made available to the Zoology/Botany students.
3. It was agreed that the Biology Major would pay for the posthumous framing of diplomas for Halie Guelfi and Thomas Coady. Cindy will take care of getting the diplomas to/from a local frame shop.
4. The information on the trial for the Learning Assistants (LA’s) was presented to the committee. There was a handout for the Learning Assistants, but it was discussed that this program would be especially helpful to first generation students, minority students, and those students who are having difficulties keeping up in class.

DECISION ITEMS

1. Approved the minutes from November 20 BMEC meetings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Due to time constraints, the BOT2011C legacy was not discussed. This will be moved to the agenda for the next meeting.
2. Mike Miyamoto will be the Biology Major’s Director beginning the Fall 2015 semester.
3. The next BMEC meeting will be scheduled for the second/third week in April.