Minutes
Meeting of the Biology Major Executive Committee
February 22, 2013

Present were David Julian, Bill Spencer, Elaine Turner, Gary Peter, Saba Balasubramani, Ata Sarajedini, Ed Braun, Mike Miyamoto, and Cindy Link

1. The Minutes from the January 25 BMEC meeting were approved. The Minutes will be uploaded to the internet today.

2. Bill led the discussion about the CALS Advising issue. It was announced that Adam Jordan, CALS Advisor for the Biology Major, has left CALS and taken a position in the Dean of Students office. Bill will assist with CALS advising in the interim, seeing students two days a week for a couple hours each day.

3. Updates to the Bio Major website were discussed. It was announced that the BMEC agendas will be posted on the website beginning with this meeting to be in ‘compliance’ with the Sunshine Law.

4. The new BA in Biology was the main topic of discussion. At the center of the discussion was the Biology Curriculum Committee’s response to the BA pre-proposal. To maintain flexibility in the major, the BMEC approved a revised curriculum in which students would be required to take a course in genetics plus at least one course in each of two of the following four categories: Cell/Microbiology, Physiology or Form/Function, Ecology, and Evolution. The courses in these categories will be from CLAS, CALS, and other colleges, as appropriate. There was also discussion about requiring a lab course.

5. There was also discussion regarding TA support for BSC 4936. David has met with Dave Richardson about the funding but more discussions will be needed to reach a resolution.