Present were Alice Harmon, Mike Miyamoto, Patrick Inglett, Al Wysocki, Joel Brendemuhl, Ata Sarajedini, Jennifer Smith from UFOnline, Bala “Saba” Rathinasabapathi, Bill Spencer, and Cindy Link

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Lochlin Cravey, Biology student, gave a short talk about developing a biology club. The emphasis will be on what students can do with a biology degree other than pre-med. The club will try to get speakers from area research labs, etc., to give talks about how the biology degree can be used in the science field. The undergraduate coordinator will be the faculty advisor, Lochlin will be the president, and there will be a treasurer.

2. The numbers were given for the Spring 2015 CALS and CLAS graduating seniors, honors graduates, and Phi Beta Kappa students.

3. It was announced that there will be two CALS advisors and that the positions should post next week. One advisor will focus on recruitment and one on retention.

4. It was announced that the thesis review process will change. The undergraduate coordinator will review the theses and post his comments along with the project advisors’ comments, and then will upload the theses and comments in case any committee member would like to review them.

DECISION ITEMS

1. Approved the minutes from November 20 BMEC meeting.

2. After much discussion, BOT2011C was approved as an additional life science elective for BIOPRO and BLYPRO.

3. Revision of the CLAS Biology Program Goals was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. The additional CALS courses for the UFOnline Biology BA degree was discussed. Handouts were provided by Jennifer Smith, showing the courses that are already online, courses that their office is working on at present, and the remainder of the courses that are being worked on. Two courses, ALS4161 and ALS3153, are possible additional courses to be added.

2. Jennifer Smith indicated she would provide a list of all the courses that are currently online that might fit the “Biology and Society” requirement. I have received the list and have attached it here. This list are courses that they currently have available or are in the process of development that might be remotely useful. It was emphasized that the BA is not for pre-med students.