Minutes
Meeting of the Biology Major Executive Committee
May 24, 2013

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

1. The Minutes from the February 22 BMEC meeting were approved. The Minutes will be uploaded to the internet.

2. The meeting started with Gary thanking David for his past leadership as Director and committee member on the BMEC. David announced that either Marta Wayne or David Oppenheimer will be his replacement.

3. Elaine provided information about the CALS Advising position. There have been three candidates who have interviewed, with one candidate remaining; however, her flight from New York was cancelled and a decision may be made on the three candidates due to scheduling conflicts.

4. The BA track in Biology was approved by the UCC on Tuesday.

5. The JHMP (Junior Honors Medical Program) is still being discussed.

6. David led discussion about the IA articulation. It has been indicated that the BSC tracks do not work well with the IA articulation, but the BA track is a better fit. Bobbi Knickerbocker is handling the info on this.

7. The Pre-Pharm articulation plan was voted on by the committee and has been accepted.

8. The next item discussed was the BIO thesis procedures. The following was recommended:
   - 3.5 GPA with no thesis – Cum laude
   - 3.5 GPA with accepted thesis – Magna cum laude
   - 3.75 GPA with accepted thesis – Summa cum laude

   Also discussed were the possible requirements of oral presentations, to have mentors indicate the amount of collaboration for each area (conception, design of experiment, conducting experiment and data collection, data analysis and interpretation, and thesis writing), and guidelines for theses and collaboration.

9. Zero credit option is not yet in place for BSC4910/4912; however, it is in place for ZOO4910 and BOT4910.
10. Biology Major Office annual report. The data collection would include enrollment patterns in the tracks, number of graduates, number of honors, male vs. female data, papers by students, most popular courses in ALS, request exit survey data for BIO and BLY majors, curriculum revisions, MFT scores, number of matriculated into med school, retention data, advising data, BMO visits, number going into grad school, and much more.