Minutes
Biology Major Executive Committee
September 25, 2014

Present were Christine Davis, Alice Harmon, John Blake, Mike Miyamoto, Bobbi Knickerbocker, Herschel Johnson, Ata Sarajedini, Bala “Saba” Rathinasabapathi, Bill Spencer, and Cindy Link. John Aris, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, was a guest at today’s meeting.

Absent: Patrick Inglett and Joel Brendemuhl

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
1. Christine Davis, Alice Harmon and John Blake, new BMEC members, were introduced.

DECISION ITEMS
1. Approved minutes from the May 30, 2014, BMEC meeting.
2. Approved the additional revision of the Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, to add the phrase that the Undergraduate Coordinator for the Botany and Zoology majors is a voting member, regardless of tenure.
3. For the tracks that PCB3xxxC, it was suggested that the instructor be asked which track they felt would be best suited for the course. It was also suggested to find out which College will get the credits for the course. Bill will obtain the information.
4. After discussion about BMC 4xxxC, Human Histology, with John Aris, and BMS 3521, Human Physiology/Medical Physiology in Translation, it was moved to get more information from the Biology faculty and CALS faculty about the impacts of using College of Medicine courses for Biology major undergraduates. John Aris mentioned that the College of Medicine has revised their curriculum and are interested in undergraduate education. Mike will inquire with the Biology Department and Saba with CALS BMEC members.
5. For the final reports associated with undergraduate research in BSC4910/4912, it was decided that Christine and Bill will coordinate their efforts to get advisors to review and provide short comments on the reports.
6. The last item mentioned was sending out a Doodle for the next BMEC meeting.