INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Dr. Adam Dale was introduced as our newest BMEC member, and is the replacement for Dr. Blake.
2. MCB3703, Astrobiology, will no longer be considered for the BIO-BA “Biology and Society” category.
3. All four motions in September’s e-vote passed, the following items are now in effect:
   a. The motion to approve that the Biology Major Office (BMO) will fund a total of two Learning Assistants (LA) for the current academic year (2017-2018) passed unanimously.
   b. The motion to approve the funding of the BMO’s Undergraduate Travel Funds Award and the content of the fund application passed unanimously.
   c. The motion to accept both ALS4162/ ALS 6935, Consequences of Biological Invasions, and PSB3002, Physiological Psychology, as part of acceptable courses listed under the BIO-BA “Biology and Society” category passed unanimously.
   d. The motion for BMS 4136C, Human Histology, to be accepted as a BIO-BA Additional Life Science (ALS) passed unanimously.

DECISION ITEMS

1. A motion for BMEC to accept the September meeting minutes passed unanimously.
2. A motion for BMEC to accept both combined degree programs (BS in Biology to MS in Zoology and BS in Biology to MS in Botany) passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) BMEC continued the discussion of the combined degree proposals, and took a vote on the first two programs discussed (Biology BS to Botany MS and Zoology MS). The voting decision is placed above. BMEC decided to table the discussion and vote of the Biology BS to Medical Sciences MS program until next meeting, when a list of courses will be available.

2) The 2016-2017 SAC report was reviewed and highlighted the Mission, Program Goals, and Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’s) of the Biology major. An ongoing discussion regarding the potential modification of the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO’s) and Program Goals for the 2018-2019 Biology Major Program started as well. It was determined that February of 2018 is the deadline for submitting changes for the ’18-’19 Program Goals, so this discussion will continue at future meetings.

3) The next BMEC meeting will take place on Nov. 17th, at 12:30pm