Minutes
Biology Major Executive Committee
February 01, 2017

Present were Britta Phillips, Brandi Osborne, Bobbi Knickerbocker, Alice Harmon, Kelly Rice, Jamie Gillooly, Joel Brendemuhl, Brian Harfe, Patrick Inglett (chair), Teresa Mutahi, and Andrea Smith. David Julian was also present as a guest speaker.

Informational Items

1. The two new BMEC members were introduced: Teresa Mutahi (Bill Spencer’s replacement) and Andrea Smith (Cindy Link’s replacement).

Decision Items

1. A motion for BMEC to consider 2000 level courses as electives on a case by case basis passed unanimously.
2. It was decided to re-circulate the ENY 2890 (Scientific Engagement CURES course) and conduct an E-vote regarding the course’s acceptance.
3. A motion to accept BSC3096, Human Physiology, as a third alternative for the BIOPRO and BLYPRO Physiology requirement was approved unanimously.
4. Comments from Bill S. and Christine’s on the BMEC response to UCC will be circulated via email and discussed when all are present (and via email).
5. It was agreed there will be a new monthly scheduled meeting format, which shall be determined through email and doodle polling.

Discussion Items

1. The rationale and repercussions of accepting the 3-credit BSC3096 physiology course in place of the current 4-credit course were discussed. Ultimately, BMEC should consider modifying the 28 credit required core course minimum to 27 credits if an excessive amount of students need waivers in order to graduate on time.
2. The layers of “UF Quest” and its surrounding task force and working groups were thoroughly explained by David Julian. These are in the early stages of formation, and have the potential of disintegrating if new legislation is passed. Additionally, CUREs course information was brought to the committee to discuss and explain.
3. The Pre-Pharm MOU has not been located. It was concluded the MOU might not have existed, as the agreed upon courses and eight semester plans contained enough information at the time of its creation.
4. There were helpful suggestions from the committee regarding the potential collection of alumni data for research purposes.