Minutes
Biology Major Executive Committee
March 17th, 2017

Present were Bobbi Knickerbocker, Brandi Phillips, Alice Harmon, Kelly Rice, Jamie Gillooly, Joel Brendemuhl, Patrick Inglett (chair), Christine Davis, Teresa Mutahi, and Andrea Smith.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. BMEC voting members will review thesis and MFT scores in order to reward high achieving undergraduates. Pins and certificates will be distributed to: the top three theses, the top three students with the highest overall MFT scores, and the top student in each of the four MFT sub categories. This will begin this semester.
2. Criteria for the Thesis Awards will be circulated and approved via email, see attachment.
3. Once the Spring 2018 Semester of Immersion brochure is ready, everyone agreed to advertise and distribute program details to undergraduates.

DECISION ITEMS

1. The motion for BMEC to approve residency requirements (18 core coursework credit hours) for the Biology BA (both online and face-to-face) passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. A finalized response to the CLAS Curriculum Committee (CCC) regarding their comments on proposed changes to Biology B.A. was discussed thoroughly. The Undergraduate Coordinator will submit all changes to the Universal Tracking System and continue the process from there.

Points to note:

a. Transfer students and entering freshman will have the same residency requirement of 18 credit hours of core coursework.

b. WIS 2040, *Wildlife Issues in a Changing World*, was removed from the new “Biology and Society” coursework category.

c. BMEC will consider upon screening and evaluating adding additional 3000 level courses to the “Biology and Society” category.