Minutes  
Biology Major Executive Committee  
January 29, 2016

Present were Joel Brendemuhl, Patrick Inglett, Alice Harmon, Britta Osborne, Brandi Phillips, Bobbi Knickerbocker, Saba Rathinasabapathi, Mike Miyamoto, Bill Spencer, and Cindy Link

Informational Items

1. With the increase in the MFT scoring, we are now in the top 18% of national colleges/universities that participated in the assessment.

Decision Items

1. The committee was given copies of the brochures and each advisor was given a stack to distribute as they deem necessary. There will be three standup banners ordered; one with the mouse photo (left) and two without (right). The one different standup banner will stay in the office; the other two will be used during preview, etc. There will also be three table banners ordered.

Discussion Items

1. BMEC wants to table the use of MCB4934, Microbes without Borders, as an ALS elective until the course gets a permanent course number, probably in March. It was explained that the 4000-level number is temporary and that a 3000-level number is being requested.
2. The committee rejected using BMS3521, Human Physiology, as a third alternative to the physiology requirement in BIOPRO and BLYPRO. The concern was that it might not be as comprehensive of a course as PCB4732C Animal Physiology. It was approved to remove PCB3713C as an option from the physiology course requirement since students have a difficult time getting seats.
3. Concerning BIOPRO and BLYPRO ALS credit for undergraduate TA courses:
   a. ZOO4940, Practical Experience in Teaching Zoology, the committee approved the use of this course for an ALS elective but would like to see a limit of 2 credits for teaching and at least 4 credits for either coursework or research, for a total of 6 credits. Discussion will continue.
   b. BCH4905, Biochemistry Senior Research for TAs in BCH4024, Intro to Biochem & Molec Biol – because the BCH4905 course number is used for several types of courses, it was decided that this course for undergraduate teaching could not be used as an ALS elective.
   c. MCB4934, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in Microbiology – because the course number is used for several types of courses, it was decided that this course for undergraduate teaching could not be used as an ALS elective.
   d. BMEC will continue its discussion of teaching for ALS elective credits at its next meeting.