Minutes

Biology Major Executive Committee
September 22, 2016

Present were David Oppenheimer, Ata Sarajedini, Alice Harmon, Marta Wayne, Britta Osborne, Bobbi Knickerbocker, John Blake, Joel Brendemuhl, Christine Davis, Saba Rathinasabapathi, Patrick Inglett, Bill Spencer, and Cindy Link. John Aris (CoM) was in attendance to present info on the Human Histology course.

Informational Items

1. Marta W. updated the Committee on Bill’s replacement. The position posted on September 20 and applications will start being reviewed on October 11. The search committee consists of Patrick Inglett, Chair of the search committee; David Oppenheimer, Associate Chair of the committee; CALS Dean Joel Brendemuhl; CLAS Dean Ata Sarajedini; CALS Faculty member Saba Rathinasabapathi; and CLAS Faculty member Christine Davis.

2. The 2016-17 budget report was presented. There is approximately $6000 in the BMEC account, with no large expenditures expected for this fiscal year.

3. Bill presented the 2015-16 Compliance Assist Report. There were no issues with the report.

Decision Items

1. There was discussion about adding the CoM course, BMS4136C, Human Histology, as a Biology elective. For low enrollment (10-15 students), the labs will be done in pairs instead of larger groups when enrollment is higher. It was decided to cap the course at 40 students. This course was approved to be an elective for only the Pre-professional tracks for CALS (BLYPRO) and CLAS (BIOPRO), and the Bio-Tech (BLYBTC) CALS track.

Discussion Items

1. A replacement for Mike Miyamoto will be named while Mike is on sabbatical.

2. Joel B. announced that Vet Med has changed their pre-reqs. They no longer require Calc I and two animal science courses. This is more in line with other vet schools nationwide. Animal Sciences is maintaining their requirements, so it is expected that many Animal Sciences Pre-Vet students may shift into BIO/BLY.