

Faculty meeting minutes
1/14/04

In attendance: Ahmed, Bautch, Burch, Copenhaver, Duronio, Feduccia, Gilbert, Goldstein, Jones-A, Jones-C, Kier, Kingsolver, Lieb, Liljegren, K. Lohmann, Maroni, Matson, Matthyse, Peet, Peifer, Pfennig, Podolsky, Pringle, Searles, Sekelsky, Servedio, Vision, White, Wiley, Willett

Announcements:

Vicki Bautch—promotion to full professor

Corbin Jones—welcome to the newest assistant professor

Faculty salary increases

- guaranteed by the Dean's office
- applicable to faculty of the college of Arts and Sciences
- implemented at the time of promotion: associate 3K, full 5K/year
- effective July 1, 2004

Pfizer summer research fellowships for undergrads

- deadline is February 20
- up to 4 nominations for our department

Proper use of university funds for business or research purposes only

- see upcoming e-mail from Steve

Biology commencement 2004

- set for May 8 at 2 pm

Agenda

Proposal to revise written and oral exam guidelines for EEOB students – David Pfennig

- see written proposal, sent via e-mail by David Pfennig, for details
- title change to clarify that these exam guidelines for EEOB students only
- clarification as to how exam would be handled if disagreement between committee members—resolved as 2/3 agreement to pass

Vote: All in favor, zero opposed

Proposal to revise other requirements for **all biology** students – David Pfennig

- see written proposal, sent via e-mail by David Pfennig, for details
- requires an annual committee meeting beginning in student's third year
- student must provide progress report to committee members before each meeting
- students that fail to conduct an annual meeting will have their stipend withheld until documentation of committee meeting
- pre-defense committee meeting required
- requires ethics training

Vote: One abstention, rest in favor

Report from Conservation Biologist search committee—Bob Peet/Peter White

- save your Mondays and Thursdays in February

Report from Graduate Admissions committee—Ken Lohmann

- applications numbers up 30%
- 22 MCDB applicants already invited for Feb 20-22 weekend
- applications in Cottie's office to review
- save interview slots for both Friday (Feb 20) and Monday (Feb 23)
- deadline for our 4-5 graduate fellowships, applicable to applicants with 90% GREs, is at the end of the month

Undergraduate Studies Committee report – Ann Matthysse

- Course renumbering completed except for one freshman seminar.
- Curriculum Revisions have not yet started.