

Faculty meeting minutes
10/8/03

In attendance: Ahmed, Bautch, Burch, Dangl, Duronio, Feduccia, Gilbert, Grant, Harris, Kieber, Keir, Kingsolver, Lieb, K. Lohmann, Maroni, Marzluff, Matson, Matthysse, Peet, Peifer, Petes, Pfennig, Podolsky, Pukkila, Reice, Sekelsky, Servedio, Vision, White, Wiley, Willett

Announcements:

Applicants for the Dean – there will be a shortlist by the end of November, which will go to the provost.

Faculty who want to teach summer school should contact Gustavo ASAP.

Keith Sockman will be in town Oct 31 – let Steve know if you wish to speak with him.

Agenda:

Item 1:

Ethics course for graduate students (presented by Vicki Bautch)

- required in training grants
- offered in the med school
- the course is one week during the first week of class
- consists of lectures and discussion groups
- some biology faculty may have to volunteer to help with the discussion aspect of the course

For more information on the web, go to the biochemistry department web page and follow the links to what current students need to know.

This proposal will be discussed in the graduate studies committee. Please let Vicki know if you have feedback.

Item 2:

Proposal for a joint appointment for John Bruno (currently an assistant professor in marine sciences)

Discussion of joint vs adjunct appointments

Joint – tenure track

Adjunct – fixed term

Otherwise expectations are virtually identical

Alan Feduccia – brief history of the role of joint and adjunct appointments in the department (discussion followed)

David Pfennig – summary of John's research

John presented a seminar in Biology in Fall 2002

- o role of positive interactions in structuring ecological communities
- o disease ecology – causes of disease epidemics in corals
- o 3 active NSF grants
- o publications in top journals

why John would be a good addition to the biology department

- 1) build strength in ecology
- 2) been teaching biology students in crosslisted courses (which have a majority of biology majors)

why John is interested

- wants to accept grad students through biology
- be on grad student committees
- gain access to the library
- formulate stronger ties with the department
- advise undergraduate theses
- serve of departmental committees

Strong statements of support from Peet, Petes, Dengl (who advocates broader connections with marine sciences in the future). Reice, Lohmann, Peifer (provided there is a continuing expectation to teach courses with biology numbers in the future), Gilbert, Marzluff

Motion to offer John Bruno a joint appointment, with the expectation that he will continue to teach courses with biology numbers:

In favor: 30

Abstain: 1

Opposed: 1

Item 3:

Report from the undergraduate studies committee (Ann Matthyse)

Course renumbering (for fall '06) – See course renumbering handout.

New numbers should be ready to be entered by December

Only numbers change at this time (everything else must be changed independently)

Can put “permission of instructor” in description of courses numbered in the 600s

Courses for graduate student credit must be numbered above 400

Ann will be sending out an e-mail with the course numbers – check this and respond within 2.5 weeks – substantive changes will be discussed by the undergraduate studies committee.

Discussion and questions followed

Experiential education requirement:

Covers

Undergrad research (e.g., 98, see below)

Approved service learning (30 hrs)

Courses with a fieldwork component (30 hrs – off campus)

Dept or university internship or independent study (100 hrs of service or work)

Service learning (Bill Keir)

Please think about how you might incorporate this

Must meet community identified needs – e.g. docent at the NC museum of natural sciences

Can be added on to a course already being taught.

Must be at least 30 hrs.

Bio 294 (Jason Lieb) – see handout

- does not count for departmental credit
- must be graded
- Change “research” to “internship” on handout

Bio 295, 395, 396, 397, 398 (Pat Pukkila) – see handout “Proposed undergraduate research courses in biology”

Change “prerequisite” to “coregistration”

Discussion followed

Vote for general approval of proposal

In favor: 27

Abstain: 0

Opposed: 1