

Faculty Meeting March 27, 2003

Attending

Bautch, V.
Burch, C.
Copenhaver, G.
Dangl, J.
Gensel, P.
Goldstein, B.
Grant, S.
Kingsolver, J.

Lieb, J.
Lohman, K.
Matson, S.
Matthysse, A.
Misch, D.
Padgett, P.
Peet, B.
Petes, T.

Pfennig, D.
Podolsky, B.
Reed, J.
Reice, S.
Servedio, M.
Vision, T.
Wiley, H.
Willet, C.

Steve Matson serving as Chair made several announcements before getting down to business. He informed the faculty that Keith Sockman will be brought back for a 2nd visit on April 8th and 9th. During that visit his fiancée (married in May) will give a seminar in order that we can consider her for a research assistant professor position in biology. She will not be offered a tenure track position in any department at UNC.

Vicky Bautch gave an update on the status of the incoming graduate class for 2003. We received 97 applications and made 31 offers. These were broken down into 22 MCDB, 8 EEOB, and 1 joint. At this time 7 have accepted and 3 declined.

After these announcements the floor was turned over to David Pfennig, the chair of the Evolutionary Genetics search committee. David summarized the opinions of that committee.

The committee felt that Corbin Jones, David Presgraves, and Ken Olsen were all exceptionally strong candidates and would make a large contribution to our department. However there was agreement among the faculty and unanimous agreement among the search committee in favor of Corbin Jones. The committee therefore recommended the following action:

- 1) offer the position to Corbin Jones
- 2) in the event Jones turns us down, offer the job to Daven Presgraves.
- 3) in the event Presgraves turns us down, offer the job to Ken Olsen.

The floor was opened up for discussion, followed by a vote to approve all 3 of the above actions. The vote by show of hands:

In favor: 23
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 1

Steve concluded the meeting with a discussion of the possibility of interviewing Bruce Walsh for a Genomics Position within biology. Interviewing Bruce will require:

- 1) excitement on the part of the biology faculty to pursue BW
- 2) Doug Kelly will have to take the Genomics position from another dept and give it to us.

BW's CV will be made available for consideration. Steve asks that the faculty consider this decision in a timely fashion as we will have to be prepared to move quickly.

Steve Matson adjourned the meeting.

Christina Burch
Faculty Secretary