

Faculty Meeting April 17, 2003

Attending

Ahmed, S.
Bloom, K.
Burch, C.
Copenhaver, G.
Dangl, J.
Feduccia, A.
Gensel, P.
Grant, S.
Harris, A.
Jones, A.
Kieber, J.

Kier, B.
Kingsolver, J.
Lieb, J.
Lohman, K.
Maroni, G.
Matson, S.
Matthysse, A.
Padgett, P.
Peet, B.
Petes, T.
Pfennig, D

Pringle, J.
Reed, J.
Searles, L.
Sekelsky, J.
Servedio, M.
Stafford, D.
Vision, T.
Wiley, H.
Willet, C

Steve Matson serving as Chair made several announcements.

1. Bev Suitt will retire May 1st.
2. The Review Document is complete and will be provided to all faculty in the paper or cd form of their choice. Everyone will need to sign up to meet with the review committee.

Steve opened for a vote the decision to offer Sabrina Burmeister a Research Assistant Professor position. The position will come with no salary and no teaching. She will be given a 3 yr contract renewable for up to 5 years. She will be offered 245 sq ft of lab/office space. The vote by show of hands:

29 in favor
0 opposed
0 abstained

Steve updated the faculty on the status of the offers to Keith Sockman and to Corbin Jones. Keith has been offered 1/2 of the gene therapy lab on the ground floor of Wilson and an aviary at Mason Farm. Steve expects an answer from Keith and Sabrina by May 4th. Corbin has been offered a lab on the 4th floor of Coker. Steve anticipates getting an offer letter out to Corbin next week and an answer from Corbin in early to mid May. Both Keith and Corbin would start in July of 2004.

The final decision opened for consideration was the interview invitation to Bruce Walsh. The position was approved by the dean's office and would be at the level Associate Professor with tenure. The position breakdown is 1/2 biology and 1/2 CGGS, however the 1/2 biology is effectively 1/4 biology and 1/4 genetics. The decision to promote Bruce to full professor would lie completely in the hands of biology (with advice from genetics). Steve has identified space with the aid of faculty in EEOB.

David Pfennig summarized our enthusiasm for Bruce. Bruce is a renowned expert in theoretical population genetics and quantitative genetics. He has literally co-written the book that is the authority on quantitative and statistical genetics. He would bring the following contributions to our department:

1. Tremendous Expertise
2. Background in Natural History
3. Good Departmental Citizen (he has contributed to several training grants)
4. possible influence on Terry for future hires in this area = Statistical genetics/genomics

A motion to invite Bruce to interview was forwarded and seconded. The vote by show of hands:

29 in favor

0 opposed

0 abstained

Steve Matson adjourned the meeting.

Christina Burch
Faculty Secretary