

Department of Biology
Faculty meeting minutes
January 19, 2005

In attendance:

Ahmed, Bautch, Bloom, Burch, Copenhaver, Duronio, Feduccia, Gensel, Goldstein, Harris, Hogan, A. Jones, C. Jones, Kieber, Kier, Lieb, Matson, Matthyse, Mitchell, Peifer, K. Pfennig, Pukkila, Reed, Reice, Rogers, Sekelsky, Servedio, Sockman, Vision, Willett, Yeh

Student representatives: Rice and Vasquez

Announcements (Matson):

1. Welcome to new faculty: Charles Mitchell has arrived and is located in Coker Hall.
2. Graduate students can self-nominate to honor society. Contact Amber Rice for details.
3. PMABS has summer research opportunities available that provide stipend and housing. A 10 week option and a 2 week option are available. Faculty interested in mentoring students should contact Skip.

Update on Integrative Organismal Biology Search (Kier):

Four candidates being brought in on Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22. Interviews to be held over Tues. and Wed. of the week.

Research symposium for state legislature (Pukkila):

April 12 will be the date of the research symposium for the state legislature. Faculty with students doing research are encouraged to have them participate. Details on web.

Assessment of degree programs (Bautch):

Presentation and discussion of assessment plans for M.A., M.S. and Ph. D. degrees. Discussion included tracking of performance and reassessment plans. Vicki moved to approve plans, Pat seconded, and vote of approval was unanimous with no abstentions.

Update of developmental biology training grant (Bautch):

Grant has received a high score, so likely to be funded. Discussion included history of grant and answering questions about funding and program participation. Those who wish to participate should contact Vicki.

Senior lecturer position (Matson):

1. University has new rank of Senior Lecturer for fixed term faculty
2. Jean DeSaix obvious candidate because of long years of service, excellent teaching record, outstanding service and devotion to position. Discussion among faculty reinforced this view enthusiastically and emphasized the need to recognize Jean's exceptional service.

3. Copenhaver moved to approve position for DeSaix, Riece seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous with no abstentions.

Renovation of old Wilson (Kieber):

1. Overview of new building plan presented. Will include redesigned lecture hall.
2. Renovation will take 3 semesters.
3. To prepare for move:
 - a. Swing space assigned for classes.
 - b. Go through teaching labs and identify what needs to be kept; otherwise it will be thrown away.
 - c. Identify also what can be stored versus what will be absolutely needed for teaching during renovation. Cull to minimum items needed in swing space as many classes will be sharing same space.