

Faculty meeting minutes 4/14/04

In attendance: Ahmed, Bautch, Bloom, Burch, Copenhaver, Dangl, DeSaix, Duronio, Gensel, Gilbert, Harris, Jones-A, Jones-C, Kieber, Kier, Liljegren, Lohmann-K, Matson, Matthyse, Peifer, Petes, Pringle, Pukkila, Salmon, Searles, Sekelsky, Servedio, Stafford, Vision, Wiley, Willett

Agenda

Announcements – Steve Matson

- Doug Kelly to retire as SAD for Sciences
 - o thank you emails to Doug encouraged
 - o suggestions for his replacement may be sent to Bernadette Gray-Little
- Project Uplift, a recruitment program for high school seniors, is looking for faculty volunteers for presentations: May 20, 27, June 3, 10—3 to 4 pm
- Charles Mitchell has accepted the Conservation Biology faculty position (4/15/04)
- Gustavo Maroni's health continues to improve
- Postdocs interested in teaching the 1st summer session of Biol 50 are encouraged to contact Bill Kier soon

Report from the Graduate Admissions committee – Ken Lohmann

- 26 MCDB students offered admission: 12 accepted, 7 declined, 7 undecided
- 14 EEOB students offered admission: 4 accepted, 5 declined, 5 undecided
- 2 MCDB/EEOB crossover students offered admission: 0 accepted, 1 declined, 1 undecided
- discussion about improving EEOB admissions: stipend the main issue, improvement to dept. website to highlight EEOB faculty clusters suggested

Update on the Commencement Recognition Ceremony – Bill Kier

- faculty RSVPs are encouraged
- undergraduate honors awards will be given at ceremony
- biology dept. PhD students will be recognized
- biology TA teaching award selected by graduating seniors may be awarded

Recommendation from Imaging/Genomics Search Committee – Ted Salmon

- consensus that Steve Rogers should be offered the position due to strong expertise in genomics and assays for protein function
- if Rogers declines offer, committee will meet again

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained

Other Business: Undergraduate Studies committee – Ann Matthyse

- recommend that Biol 98 be open to non-biology majors

Vote: 30 in favor, 1 opposed