

Biology Faculty Minutes, 4 Nov 2009

In attendance:

Ahmed, Shawn	Kieber, Joe	Searles, Lillie
Bautch, Victoria	Kier, Bill	Servedio, Maria
Burch, Christina	Kingsolver, Joel	Shemer, Gidi
Copenhaver, Greg	Lieb, Jason	Slep, Kevin
DeSaix, Jean	Lohmann, Ken	Sockman, Keith
Duncan, Mara	Matera, Greg	Umbanhowar, James
Duronio, Bob	Mitchell, Charles	White, Peter
Gensel, Pat	Peet, Bob	Wiley, Haven
Goldstein, Bob	Peifer, Mark	Chia-Yi Cheng (grad student)
Hedrick, Ty	Pukkila, Pat	Ben Harrison (grad student)
Hogan, Kelly	Reed, Jason	
Hurlbert, Allen	Rogers, Steve	

I. Announcements (Bill Kier)

- a. The department is up for new Carolina Computing Initiative (CCI) machines. Waiting until February or March will give us new options, including Macs, PCs with Windows 7, and small tablet PCs in addition to the options that were available previously.
- b. The advertisement for the position replacing Betsy Faulkner has been posted.
 - i. The position has been reclassified to higher than that of Shelia's former position
 - ii. Marie Fholer, Joe Kieber, Lillie Searles and Bill Kier will interview candidates.
- c. Reorganization of the Finance Office
 - i. The Dean's office had pushed for this recently, but HR blocked it.
 - ii. In the next week we expect to list Randy's old position.
 - iii. Goal is to have an accountant in charge of the Finance office.
- d. Billy York is retiring in December, and Steve Matson has offered to help pay for a departmental party.

II. BBSP Recruiting and Admissions (Mark Peifer)

- a. Applications to BBSP will be assigned to one of the following 4 groups: Cell Signaling (CS), MCDB (M) Pathogenesis (P), and Quantitative (Q).
- b. Each group has a separate admissions committee, and there are at least some Biology faculty on each committee.
- c. After some loose pre-screening, the committees will then decide who to invite out for interviews.
 - i. The total number of interviews is targeted for 250, broken down across the 4 groups as follows: M = 94, CS = 41, P = 61, Q = 39. [NOTE: these numbers are from Peifer's handout and do not sum to 250.]
 - ii. The breakdown above was chosen to reflect the expertise of the faculty based on faculty's response to a recent email survey for self-categorization.
- d. Recruitment will occur over several themed weekends much like last year:
 - i. Jan 28-30 M/Q
 - ii. Feb 4-6 CS/P
 - iii. Feb 11-13 M/Q
 - iv. Feb 18-20 CS/P

- v. Feb 26-28 Break
- vi. Mar 5-7 M/Q/CS/P
- e. Of the 250 students brought in for interviews, offers will be made to 200, with the target class size of students accepting ~85.

III. Teaching and Research Wireless Activation Project (Bill Kier and Pat Pukkila)

- a. Jim Gogan from ITS is soliciting proposals from faculty for the installation of wireless access points.
- b. Pat Pukkila is putting in a proposal to get Coker 201 wired for the purpose of "interactive lectures" where students respond to questions in lecture instantly via a web-interface.
 - i. Please email Pat if you would be interested in making use of such an interface (for classes you might teach in Coker 201) so she can represent the faculty support for it in her proposal.
- c. Proposals are encouraged for the fifth and sixth floors of Fordham.
- d. Bill Kier will provide a list of rooms where wireless is and is not available.

IV. No further business