

Minutes
College of Biological Sciences
Executive Committee Meeting
16 January 2009 – 2:30-4:00 p.m. - LS-223

Present: S. Bodine (chair), C. Erickson, R. Grosberg, K. Kaplan, D. Myles, S. Schreiber, V. Stewart, S. Strauss, Peter Wainwright (for M. Turelli), J. Wingfield, guest, Professor JaRue Manning, Chair, CBS Library Committee
Excused: K. Burtis, J. McDonald, M. Turelli, Absent: Neelima Sinha

Chair Bodine convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes:

Minutes of the December 19, 2008 executive committee meeting were approved as submitted.

New Business:

Report from Professor JaRue Manning, Chair, CBS Library Committee

Dr. Manning reported that the AS Library Committee has been on paper only up until now.

Manning submitted an outline to the executive committee highlighting major issues facing the Library budget, e.g. Bio-Ag budget, UCD total library expenditures for 07-08, and the expense and sustainability of e-materials purchases. Dr. Manning is hoping to call on CBS department representatives to discuss issues relevant to the library.

At the Bio-Ag representative's meetings there was general concern about the way meetings were called but it was never corrected or commented on. There needs to be more of a presence and the Academic Senate agree. Former Academic Senate chair, Linda Bisson, set up a task force to report on the state of the Library. Dr. Manning's outline and the task force report are posted on the executive committee page of the CBS web site

http://www.biosci.ucdavis.edu/about/executive_committee.html. Dr. Manning encouraged faculty to read the report.

- Grosberg suggested that Dr. Manning solicit faculty to find out what is working and what is not.

Action: Manning will proceed to identify usage for what is purchased.

Proposed changes to the APM regarding AES appointments, section UCD-320 – Sue Bodine

For executive committee comment Bodine presented documents proposing changes in language to APM UCD-320, appointment and promotion of agronomists in the AES series and a letter of rebuttal from Vice Provost Bruce White. The proposed changes and the letter of rebuttal are posted on the executive committee page of the CBS web site

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EC discussed the changes and agreed they were too narrow and that the changes were unnecessary.

Action: Valley Stewart will draft a response to the proposal for EC review.

BIS Major as gateway to specialty majors – Sue Bodine – Rick Grosberg

The committee discussed bringing newly admitted freshmen into the BIS major and requiring that students pass prescribed criteria to qualify for specialty majors in CBS (??). The purpose is to limit participation in expensive lab courses to students who could most benefit from them and to allow students time to explore CBS majors before selecting one. Students who do not pass the criteria could remain in the BIS program and graduate with either a BA or BS degree in Biological Sciences.

EC agreed to continue this discussion at future meetings.

2009/2010 Course Materials Fees

EC agreed to recommend that the Dean approve proposed changes in course materials fees for PLB 116, PLB 105, PLB 102, CHA 101L, MIC 102L, EVE 115, and EVE 117 and approve existing fees for other CBS courses. [Renewal of course materials fees must be approved by the College every three years.]

Action: Wienert will notify Dean Burtis and appropriate parties of EC's recommendation to approve CMF for 2009-2010.

Old Business:

Honors Program Update

EC agreed to adopt the Honors Program proposal developed six years ago by the Honors Program Committee chaired by Mark Wheelis. Committee members were Peter Armstrong, David Begun, Andrew Ishida, and Bo Liu. Mark Wheelis has retired. EC would like to reconvene the committee and ask them to appoint a new chair, review EC suggestions, determine resources needed for implementation and become the implementation committee with a goal of putting the program in place by the 2010-2011 academic year.

Committee agreed that the current proposal works with the resources we have available now and that we can improve the program as resources allow.

Action: Wienert will find out if the Honors Program needs Davis Division Senate approval.

Vote: EC voted to implement current honors program in 2010 with revisions and to ask the former committee to reconvene, elect a new chair, and review the proposal and discuss and incorporate suggestions from the executive committee.

Committee motioned to adjourn at 4:02 p.m.