Faculty Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2017  1:00 PM  
Room # 3093 SFS

Present: Carmen Aguilar, Harvey Bootsma (arrived 1:08pm), Russell Cuhel, David Garman (left 2:18pm), Laodong Guo, John Janssen (arrived 1:07pm), Jerry Kaster, Jenny Kehl, Rebecca Klaper, Val Klump, Ryan Newton (left 2:37pm), Matt Smith, Jhonatan Sepulveda, Jim Waples

Absences: Michael Carvan, Dong Fang Deng, Tim Grundl, Sandra McLellan


I. Call to order 1:04 PM

II. Adoption/Modification of Agenda

    A. None

III. Automatic consent: Approval of the January 13, 2017 meeting minutes

IV. Guest Speaker – Karen Frost, Water Council

    A. Karen provided a presentation on *The Global Water Port*, a collaboration dashboard tool created by the Water Council in 2015.

V. Old Business

    A. Discussion of prioritizing outreach efforts of the School

        1. Liz Sutton, SFS Outreach Manager, presented on her outreach efforts and how she can provide support to the SFS faculty.

        2. Carmen Aguilar and Russell Cuhel presented on their outreach efforts.

VI. New Business

    A. Change in by-laws to assign EC chair as the presiding officer for faculty meetings

        1. Val Klump will review the bylaws as written in the SFS policies and procedures before further discussing a possible change in the presiding officer for faculty meetings.

        2. The Planning, Governance, and Research committee is responsible for creating the faculty meeting agendas in consultation with the Dean.
B. Update on the strategic plan, action items for the research goals

1. Jhonatan Sepulveda added general items to the strategic plan regarding the aquaculture program. These items include important issues, faculty hired, and better utilization of the aquaculture training facility. Jhonatan will forward the information to the full faculty.

C. Planning for Provosts Summit on March 21st

1. SFS will host a meeting to propose a UW system-wide initiative of a freshwater program at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Provosts and Deans from the UW system campuses will be invited to attend.

2. The agenda for the summit will be created and distributed the week of February 13, 2017.

VII. Committee action/discussion items (chairs)

A. Executive Committee (Klaper)

1. The EC will vote on Maria Silva’s adjunct status at their next meeting.

B. Academic Program and Curriculum Committee (Kaster)

1. Three new special topic courses were approved for fall 2017.

   - Frshwtr 690/901 Seminar: Detecting the New Normal: Long Time Series in Large Water (Aguilar/Cuhel)
   - Frshwtr 690/901 Seminar: Human and Ecosystem Health (Carvan)
   - Frshwtr 512 Practicum: Sequence Analysis (Newton)

2. Fall 2017 admission

   - SFS has 11 applications for the MS Thesis program and 4 for the PhD program.
   - 3 MS Thesis applicants switched to the PSM program.
   - 1 PhD applicant switched to the PSM program.
   - 1 PhD applicant was denied.
   - 8 MS Thesis applicants and 2 PhD applicants have been accepted for fall 2017.

3. Jhonatan Sepulveda moved to accept the fall 2017 schedule. Matt Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. Jenny Kehl moved to allow Marissa Jablonski to teach Frshwtr 810 during the fall 2017 semester. Jim Waples seconded; 1 abstention; motion passed.

Matt Smith moved to go into closed session. Rebecca Klapern seconded; motion passed unanimously.
Closed Session Business
Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(f)

Matt Smith moved to return to open session. Russell Cuhel seconded; motion passed unanimously.

C. Planning, Governance, and Research Committee (Aguilar)

1. A no-credit colloquium has been organized for spring 2017 for faculty and students to share the research being conducted in their labs in a public setting.

D. Grad Rep (Bootsma)

1. Matt Smith, Tim Grundl, and Harvey Bootsma met with Glen Fredlund and Neal O’Reilly from CES to discuss a collaborative undergraduate water degree curriculum. SFS will teach courses in the fourth year of this possible program. The group plans to meet again in two weeks to discuss a final model to present to the advisory committees.

2. SFS programs have been added to the Graduate School Midwest Exchange Student website.

3. A more detailed update will be given regarding the INTO program at the next Graduate Program Representatives meeting next week. The initial decision is to not participate in this program.

VIII. Dean and Associate Dean’s Remarks

A. Dean’s Report (Klump)

1. Post-tenure review packets have been e-mailed to the faculty to review.

2. The aquaculture training center should be complete in May.

B. Associated Dean Academics (Grundl)

1. No report

IX. Announcement and Reminders

A. HR Report (Ottman)

1. HR report sent by e-mail for review.

2. Updated travel information is available on the website.

B. Academics Reminders (Kaul)

1. March 26th is the deadline for the SFS Scholarships, including nominations from faculty for the Great Lakes Cruising Club Fellowship.

2. PSM applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in March.
3. APCC nominated five students for Graduate School Fellowships. All students have been notified and a decision should be made by the end of March.

X. General Good and Welfare

XI. Adjourned at 3:30 pm