

Faculty Meeting Minutes – Curriculum Discussion
November 9, 2015 3:00 PM
Room #3093

Present: Carmen Aguilar, Harvey Bootsma, Michael Carvan, Tom Consi, Russell Cuhel, Dong-Fang Deng, Tim Grundl, Laodong Guo, John Janssen, Jerry Kaster, Jenny Kehl, Rebecca Klaper, Sandra McLellan, Ryan Newton, Paul Roebber, Jhonatan Sepulveda, Matt Smith, Jim Waples

Excused: Fred Binkowski

Invited: Mallory Kaul, Eric Leaf, Margret Petrie

I. Call to order at 3:03 pm. A quorum was present; no conflicts were identified.

II. Adoption/Modification of Agenda

III. Automatic consent: Approval of the October 12 and 26, 2015 minutes.*

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Curriculum discussion – end of meeting

B. The Distinguished Professors group has been urged by the administration to take an active role in championing UWM as a research university. The initial response has been to prepare a statement of principles and recommendations related to the budget cutting process. It is attached and has been sent to Chancellor Mone, the Chancellor's Campus Organization and Effectiveness Team (CCOET), which is tasked with recommending changes in UWM structure and function that will close the budget chasm, and the UW-System.*

C. Update from the Center for Water Policy (Jenny Kehl): The Center for Water Policy is working on three projects for 2015-2016: Milwaukee and UN Global Compact Cities Programme, Great Lakes Policy Research Network, and "Water-Centric Cities: Milwaukee at the Helm" Conference.*

VI. Committee action/discussion items (chairs)

A. APCC (Carvan)

- Approved 650 courses
 - John Janssen "Great Lakes Invasions" as a graduate-only level course offering in spring 2016.
 - Barb Wimpee and Rebekah Klingler "Accelerated Laboratory Techniques in Molecular Biology" offering in summer 2016.
 - Ryan Newton and Matt Smith "Introduction to Aquatic Genomic Methods" offering in summer 2016.
 - Jerry Kaster and Val Klump "Great Lakes Ecosystem Restoration" offering in summer 2016.

- Approved Christopher Suchocki's move from the MS Professional track to the MS Thesis track, with Sepulveda to remain as his advisor. He is already an RA in Sepulveda's lab.
 - *Michael Carvan made a motion that the Provost PSM Scholarship will be offered to newly admitted PSM students for spring 2016 and fall 2016. Students must attend full-time and are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA during the first two semesters. The award amount will be two installments of \$1,000 per semester. Sandra McLellan seconded; motion passed unanimously.*
 - APCC accepted three MS Professional Science track applicants for spring 2016 admission – Arthur Fink, Samuel Posnanski, and Jacob Rogers (automatic consent)
 - Sandra McLellan made a motion to move into closed session to discuss the admission of MS Thesis and PhD applicants for spring 2016. Carmen Aguilar seconded; motion passed unanimously.
 - *Michael Carvan made a motion to admit Meagan Stettinisch to the MS Thesis program for spring 2016 without funding with Rebecca Klaper as her advisor. Jhonatan Sepulveda seconded; motion passed unanimously.*
 - *Michael Carvan made a motion to admit Becky Curtis to the PhD program for spring 2016 with Rebecca Klaper as her advisor with funding. Matt Smith seconded; motion unanimously approved.*
 - *Michael Carvan made a motion to admit Benjamin Turschak to the PhD program for spring 2016 with Harvey Bootsma as his advisor with funding. Matt Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.*
 - *Michael Carvan made a motion to admit Xinyu Li to the PhD program for spring 2016 without funding and Dong-Fang Deng as his advisor. Matt Smith seconded; motion passed unanimously.*
 - Michael Carvan made a motion to move into open session. Carmen Aguilar seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- B. Planning, Governance, and Research Committee (McLellan)
- David Holmes was voted as the student representative.
 - PGR is working on the research aspect implementation of the strategic plan.
 - *Sandra McLellan made a motion to send the following request to Mark Harris and the UWM Graduate School "The SFS body of Faculty and Scientists has requested RA matching funds from the Graduate School on funded extramural research grants. We request a 1:1 match on all federal grants that have the federal indirect return rate for a SFS RA fund, not to exceed 50% of the total indirect. For state and agency grants, we request that the 100% of the indirect costs on the graduate student budget line (RA academic year plus summer student match in a SFS RA fund and develop a policy to determine distribution of these funds, with preference to students of PIs that have contributed to the fund, but inclusion of students in other labs to increase the breath of opportunities for our graduate student body. We also request that any tuition paid for graduate student*

*credit hours within SFS be returned to SFS at the rate equal to self-paying students if the source of those funds is from SFS foundation funds, research grant funds, or any other SFS internal source.” Rebecca Klaper seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

C. EC Report (Grundl)

- The EC will be voting on including senior scientists in EC meetings.

D. Grad Rep Report (Bootsma)

- During the McNair Conference at the end of October the Provost approval an additional scholarship for anyone who went to the conference and applies to UWM. The Grad School Open House was a success with Lindsay Frost. Harvey’s receiving 4-5 prospective student inquiries a week. Faculty and staff should be promoting the PSM program if funding for research students is exhausted.
- There aren’t any new developments with BioSci regarding a 3+2 agreement.
- Frshwtr 510 with be co-taught spring 2016 with Val Klump, Aaron Thiel, and Linh Pham (economics).
- Applications at this time last year were at 10 and SFS admitted 14 (all MS). This spring we have 11 applications, including 3 PhD.
- Textbook adoptions reminder – submit adoptions at uwm.ecampus.com/adoptions and notify Mallory Kaul.

VII. Associate Dean Reports – no report

VIII. Curriculum Discussion

- *Sandra McLellan made a motion to reconsider the last motion regarding PSM students taking 3 of 5 of the core science courses (502, 504, 506, 508, and 510). Jerry Kaster seconded and the motion unanimously passed.*
 - *Jim Waples made a motion that PSM students are required to take 502, 504 and one more of 506, 508, or 510. Jerry Kaster seconded; motion unanimously passed.*
- *Tom Consi made a motion to change the PSM minimum requirements from 30 credits and determine the minimum once the curriculum is finalized. Russell Cuhel seconded; motion unanimously passed.*
- *Sandra McLellan made a motion that the PSM curriculum be 8 credits of core courses (502, 504, and one more of 506, 508, or 510), 6 credits of professional core courses, 9 credits of electives, 6 credits of intensive field/analytic coursework, 1 credit of a speaker/discussion course, 1 credit of internship coursework, and 1 credit of a videocast course; totaling 33 credits. Tom Consi seconded; 1 opposed, motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.