

Faculty Meeting Minutes – Curriculum Discussion
December 7, 2015 3:00PM
Room #3093

Present: Carmen Aguilar, Fred Binkowski, Harvey Bootsma, Michael Carvan, Russell Cuhel, Dong-Feng Dang, Tim Grundl, Laodong Guo, John Janssen, Jerry Kaster, Rebecca Klaper, Val Klump, Sandra McLellan, Ryan Newton, Paul Roebber, Jhonatan Sepulveda, Matt Smith, Jim Waples

Excused: Tom Consi, Jenny Kehl

Invited: Mallory Kaul, Eric Leaf, Nina Ottman, Margret Petrie

- I. Call to order at 3:04 pm. A quorum was present; no conflicts were identified.
- II. Adoption/Modification of Agenda
 - Change order to:
 - Recruitment activity
 - Workload policy discussion
 - Continuation of curriculum discussion following committee action/discussion items
- III. Automatic consent: Approval of the November 9, 2015 minutes
- IV. Old business
- V. New business
 - A. Recruitment activity (Petrie)
 - Lindsay is identifying undergraduate courses at UWM that are taught by faculty who may have existing relationships with SFS faculty. The plan is to invite these classes to SFS to tour labs and give Lindsay the opportunity to recruit UWM undergraduate students.
 - Lindsay gave L&S advisors a tour and discussed our programs. They plan to push the Aquaculture Certificate with their undergraduate students.
 - B. Workload policy discussion (McLellan)
 - The PG&R Committee would like to have a document finalized and approved by the end of the year. A faculty meeting has been scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 2:00pm to vote on the final document.
- VI. Committee action/discussion items (chairs)
 - A. APCC (Carvan)
 - Internal SFS application deadline for the Graduate School Fellowship is January 11, 2016, and the remaining SFS Scholarships for February 8, 2016. SFS scholarships include Kopmeier, NRT, Watertech, and SFS Grad Student Awards.

- Updated SFS Student Fund Travel Awards as distributed. Primary change is that the fund will be handled and approved by Academic Programs Office and Associate Dean for Academics. *Michael Carvan made a motion to accept the SFS Student Fund Travel Award process. Russell Cuhel seconded; motion unanimously approved.*
- PSM Admissions (automatic consent) - Accepted one applicant
- B. PGR (Aguilar)
 - No update, working on workload policy
- C. EC (Grundl)
 - Calling a meeting late next week to discuss an applicant for Distinguished Professor and College of STEM possibility.
- D. Grad Program Rep (Bootsma)
 - Jerry Kaster's term has expired on the Graduate Faculty Committee and Graduate Fellowship Subcommittee. Jenny Kehl is now on the Graduate Faculty Committee but SFS should consider voting a faculty member on the Graduate Fellowship Subcommittee.
 - Frshwtr 510 is being taught in the spring with Val Klump as the primary instructor. He will be teaching with Linh Pham and Aaron Thiel.
 - Application numbers are essentially the same as last year for spring term.
- VII. Associate Dean's remarks
 - A. Associate Dean of Academics (Roebber)
 - Paul met with a number of L&S Deans to discuss the possibility of integrated bachelors + masters programs. L&S will need to change their policies in order for students to take courses outside L&S. Paul, the Provost, and the Dean of L&S will be meeting to discuss changes. Perhaps this will be brought to APBC.
 - Natural sciences is looking for other groups on campus that would help better meet their needs, more than L&S is able to do.
 - Northern Illinois recruitment is potential pool of students that we haven't recruited from before. Margret had the idea to offer non-resident waivers for Northern Illinois student tuition, targeting mostly PSM students. Paul is working with campus to see if this is feasible.
 - B. Associate Dean of Research (Klump)
 - SFS should create a coherent program that will help recruit undergraduate students to the university.
 - Construction on the west end of the building should be cleared in about 3 months for the aquaculture construction to begin.
- VIII. Announcements and reminders
 - A. HR Report (Ottman)
 - Report e-mailed to faculty

Curriculum discussion:

- MS Thesis Program

- *Tim Grundl made a motion to require a 6 credit field intensive course, structured in a 2/2/2 module sequence, for the MS Thesis program. Jhonatan Sepulveda seconded; 5 yes, 7 no, 0 abstained; motion failed.*
- *Jhonatan Sepulveda made a motion that one 2-credit field intensive module be required for MS Thesis program. Rebecca Klaper seconded; 9 yes, 3 no, 1 abstained; motion passed.*
- *Sandra McLellan made a motion that 1 science communication credit (which can be in the form of a videocast) is required for the MS Thesis program. Rebecca Klaper seconded; 8 yes, 3 no, 1 abstained; motion passed.*
- *Rebecca Klaper made a motion that the MS Thesis program require 6 thesis credits, 9 core credits (any 3 of the following: 502, 504, 506, 508, or 510), 12 elective credits, 2 field intensive credits, and 1 science communication credit (totaling 30 credits). Jhonatan Sepulveda seconded; 11 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain; motion passed.*
- *Sandra McLellan made a motion to require 1 colloquium credit for the MS Thesis program, resulting in a program that requires 6 thesis credits, 9 core credits (any three of 502, 504, 506, 508, or 510), 12 elective credits, 2 field intensive credits, 1 science communication credit, and 1 colloquium credit (totaling 31 credits). Jhonatan Sepulveda seconded; 10 yes, 1 no, 0 abstained; motion passed.*
- **PhD Program**
 - *Jhonatan Sepulveda made a motion that the PhD program require 12 out of 15 core credits (502, 504, 506, 508, 510), 17 research credits, 20 elective credits, 2 field intensive credits, 1 science communication credit, and 2 colloquium credits Rebecca Klaper seconded; 10 yes, 1 no, 0 abstained; motion passed.*
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VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:18pm.