Faculty Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2018 at 1:00pm  
Room # 3080 SFS


Absences: Michael Carvan, Matt Smith, Tim Grundl, Rebecca Klaper

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

I. Call to order 1:06pm

II. Adoption/Modification of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes
   - December 11, 2017 faculty minutes

IV. Committee action/discussion items
   - Freshwater University Update (Val Klump)
     o A summary of the Freshwater University program was sent to the UWM Chancellor and Provost.
     o Faculty should provide comments to Val as soon as possible, but within two weeks.
   - Undergraduate Curriculum Update (Jerry Kaster)
     o Jerry will schedule a meeting with the faculty to discuss and finalize the proposed undergraduate curriculum.
   - Academic Program and Curriculum Committee, APCC (Jim Waples)
     o Information will be added to the MS Thesis Plan of Study to help remind students to complete the Master’s Thesis Proposal Defense & Preliminary Oral Examination Form and the Master’s Thesis Defense Form and return those forms to the Academic Office before graduating. (January 5, 2018 meeting)
     o The following course still need to be scheduled for fall 2018. Scheduling information much be submitted to Mallory by January 31, 2018. (January 19, 2018 meeting)
       - Frshwtr 512 Practicum in Freshwater Sciences
       - Frshwtr 690/901 Seminar in Freshwater Sciences
       - Frshwtr 900 Colloquium in Freshwater Sciences
     o APCC agreed that the proposed Frshwtr 513 Field Experimentation and Analysis in Freshwater Sciences course is acceptable as is. (January 19, 2018 meeting)
     o APCC agreed that the current prerequisites for Frshwtr 512 Practicum in Freshwater Sciences, Frshwtr 502 Freshwater Ecosystem Dynamics and Frshwtr 504 Quantitative Freshwater Analysis will remain. Consent of instructor is available for these courses if a student does not meet the prerequisites. (January 19, 2018 meeting)
APCC moved to approve Rebecca Klaper’s new special topic request, Frshwtr 650 Special Topics in Freshwater Science: Contaminants of Emerging Concern with the following revisions: 1) distinguished a 30% difference in evaluation for the undergraduate and graduate students, the current difference is 20%; 2) recalculate the time allocation information to show a total time commitment of 144 hours for the 3 credit course; 3) change proposed course time to accommodate the required Frshwtr 513 Field Experimentation and Analysis in Freshwater Sciences. (January 19, 2018 meeting)

Jim Waples moved to change Frshwtr 900 Colloquium in Freshwater Sciences to be retakable up to 2 credits max. Jerry Kaster seconded; 10 for, 2 abstained; motion passed.
- The course is currently designed to allow students only one attempt. Any additional attempts would eliminate the first for students. Since the course is required for PhD students to take twice, a CAR form will need to be submitted to fix the retake error.
- Currently the Frshwtr 900 Colloquium in Freshwater Sciences and Frshwtr 690/901 Seminar in Freshwater Sciences are separate courses.

Jim Waples moved to approve Michael Carvan’s new course request, Frshwtr 630 Leadership in Sciences: Tackling Wicked Environmental Problems. Ryan Newton seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Jim Waples moved to approve Ryan Newton’s new course request, Frshwtr 640 Sequence Analysis. Sandra McLellan seconded; motion passes unanimously.


Sandra McLellan moved to move into closed session.
John Janssen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting resumed in open session

- Planning, Governance, and Research Committee, PGR (Jhonatan Sepulveda)
  - The PGR Committee met on January 16, 2018 and January 22, 2018.
  - PGR received a brief update on the Freshwater University and Colloquium.
  - PGR established working groups for the following:
    - Defining metrics for excellence and growth
    - Enhancing research
    - Codifying approved policies into official Faculty Documents
    - Working with office staff on quarterly/annual reports
    - External Advisory Committee definitions and nominations

- Executive Committee, EC (Sandra McLellan)
  - The EC is currently working on annual tenure reviews.

V. Old business

- Colloquium Speakers (Sandra McLellan)
  - Sandra will put a list on the Faculty OneDrive of the speakers that are coming to present for the Frshwtr 900 Colloquium course. Faculty who are interested in also meeting with these speakers or hosting them while they’re here should sign up on the OneDrive document.

- Alverno College 3+2 (Jerry Kaster)
Sandra McLellan moved to approve the Alverno College 3+2 agreement. Jim Waples seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- The agreement was updated with clear information on how students should apply to both the 3+2 program and the School of Freshwater Sciences. Advisement and admission is under the control of the outside university until year four, when students apply to the UWM portion of the program.

VI. New business

- Adjunct Status request by Richard MacKenzie

- Affiliate/Adjunct Status Working Group
  - Those interested in applying as an affiliate or adjunct faculty for the School of Freshwater Sciences should supply an letter of intent, including how they will contribute to the School, and a CV.

VII. Announcements and reminders

- Human Resources Report – sent via e-mail from Nina Ottman.
- Academic Office Reminders
  - There are 21 applications (14 MS Thesis and 7 PhD) for fall 2018 that will need to be reviewed for admission. Faculty are asked to include detailed information about funding if they’re interested in accepting a student into their lab.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.