

Math/Science Division, College of Letters and Science
Minutes of meeting #11, 2007-2008
Tuesday 6 May 2008, 1:50pm HS 149

Members:

Beatrice Holton	Biology & Microbiology	HS41	7087
Colleen McDermott	Biology & Microbiology	HS154	7090
Linfeng Xie	Chemistry	HS432	1400
William Wacholtz	Chemistry	HS342	1400
Tom Naps	Computer Science	HS229	2068
David Barnhill	Environmental Studies	S313	0644
Kazimierz Zaniewski	Geography & Urban Planning	HS330	7112
William Mode	Geology	H214	7004
Daniel Schmidt	Kinesiology & Health	K125	2321
K.L.D. Gunawardena	Mathematics	S115	7410
John Strous	Medical Technology	HS127	1487
Michael Briley	Physics & Astronomy	HS337	7104
James Koch	Psychology	CF20	2303

Present: Barnhill, Briley, Cross, Gunawardena, Holton, Koch, McDermott, Mode, Naps, Schmidt, Strous, Wacholtz, Xie, Zaniewski

Guest: Michael Beeth

1. Approval of minutes of Meeting Number 10 (April 22, 2008).
Approved by consensus.
2. Consideration / approval of request for entitlement to plan a new major within Biology/Microbiology: Environmental Health
Question: are resources in place? A: Yes, with the new hire made possible through the growth agenda. Also a good bit of the program will involve other departments who have all been contacted.
Note: This is approval for entitlement to plan, not approval of the specific of the major. Nonetheless, any concerns regarding the details should be brought to the attention of the Biology/Microbiology chairs.
Schmidt/Holton – Approved (unanimous).
3. Consideration / approval of revised emphasis within Chemistry major: Biomolecular Science emphasis
Some discussion took place as to whether the lowering of standards in math and physics will lead to appropriate preparation for students with this emphasis. Consensus was that students could still take Math 172 and Physics 109/110 if they wanted.
Holton/Naps – Approved (12 –yes, 0 – no, 1 - abstain).
4. Consideration/approval of revised course within Chemistry:
CHEM 365: Biophysical Chemistry
Schmidt/Wacholtz – Approved (unanimous).
5. Review of Science and Mathematics Content Standards Alignments with COLS courses. See attachment (Michael Beeth)
Revisions from the departments were returned to Dr. Beeth.

6. Revisions of Kinesiology curriculum to be considered at next meeting.
Fair Warning: a significant number of proposals will be ready for consideration at the next meeting (in 3 weeks).
- 6b. Consideration of deletion of graduate component of dual level courses in Math:
Holton/Xie – approved (unanimous).
7. New sick leave reporting forms.
Note the new form includes new language – “I confirm the accuracy of the leave report.” Suggestion from Associate Dean Cross – cross this out and write “I have no evidence that this is correct.” Note this new statement is not legally binding. Many people are uncomfortable with this and efforts are underway to correct the language.
8. Announcements from the Associate Dean.
Hazardous waste disposal:
It may come to pass that departments may be charged for the disposal of hazardous waste disposal. It is estimated that departments last year disposed of 2 tons of such waste. One idea under consideration is that departments are given an amount which corresponds to their normal waste output and if the department generates less waste, some fraction of the excess funds could be kept.
Q: This implies departments are inefficient in their waste disposal. A: No, but there are likely areas where savings could be made and this may encourage such behavior. Also the purchase of new items which generate such waste should have this factored into the cost (especially if funded externally).
Q: We’re looking at smaller budgets next year, and now you are asking us to foot the disposal bills.
A: There may well be a corresponding increase in department budgets.
Q: But the costs of disposal will likely rise and budgets are traditionally flat.

The Dean encourages chairs and distinguished students to attend the ice cream social in 45 minutes.
9. Announcements from the Chairs and guests.
Strous: The next version of Titan Web is about ready. You should consider offering a training session for your faculty.
10. Adjournment.
Adjourned at 2:39 pm.

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