

College of the Environment and Life Sciences All Faculty Meeting & Reception Minutes

A regular meeting of the College of the Environment and Life Sciences faculty was held on Friday, November 17, 2006 from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Rhode Island Room of the University Club.

Faculty in Attendance

James Anderson, David Bengtson, Richard Burroughs, Allan J. Cain, Paul Cohen, Tracey Dalton, David Fastovsky, Nancy Fey-Yensan, Howard Ginsberg, Arthur Gold, Marion Gold, Marian Goldsmith, Frank Golet, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, William Gordon, William Green, Geoffrey Greene, Donna Handley, Linda Hufnagel, Bethany Jenkins, Larry Juda, David Laux, Roger LeBrun, Seth Macinko, Anthony Mallilo, Thomas Mather, Scott McWilliams, Kathleen Melanson, David Nelson, Peter Paton, Katherine Peterson, Evan Preisser, Alison Roberts, Becky Sartini, Richard Sheridan, Angelo Simeoni, Jay Sperry, Gongquin Sun, Stephen Swallow, Robert Thompson, Carol Thornber, Emi Uchida, Anne Veeger, Jacqueline Webb, Yeqiao Wang.

Administration/Staff in Attendance

Dean Jeff Seemann, Associate Dean Dennis Nixon, Associate Dean Richard C. Rhodes III, Nancy Fey-Yensan, Michael Milkman, Elissia Wahl.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

I. Approval of Spring 2006 CELS All Faculty Meeting Minutes (*Dennis Nixon*)

Assoc. Dean Nixon opened the meeting by asking for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2006 meeting. Dr. Jay Sperry motioned to approve, Dr. Paul Cohen seconded and the group unanimously approved.

II. Curriculum Committee Report (*David Laux*)

Professor David Laux, Chair of the CELS Curriculum Committee reviewed the curricular activity as attached at the end of the minutes.

III. CELS Vision/Mission Statement (*Peter Paton*)

Per the University's NEASC Accreditation process, the college was required to submit their vision and mission statement. Upon the review of the old vision and mission statement, the CELS Executive Council agreed that it needed to be revisited. Dr. Peter Paton briefed the faculty on the process involved, which represents two to three months of work done by the CELS Executive Council with input from the faculty from each of our academic departments. Following is the language for the new CELS vision and mission statement, as approved by the CELS Executive Council on November 16, 2006.

College of the Environment and Life Sciences Vision

We will be a national leader among colleges specializing in environmental and life sciences, environmental management, policy, and design.

College of the Environment and Life Sciences Mission

We strive for excellence in teaching, research, and service. We prepare our students with the skills, knowledge, and insight to address the challenges of today's world and support their development as lifelong learners. We foster collaboration among our undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty in experiential learning and provide opportunities for students to apply their knowledge beyond the University. We address contemporary problems through innovative, relevant, and scholarly research. We extend our research-based knowledge through community engagement in the tradition of our Land Grant and Sea Grant heritage and are dedicated to outreach and service to our state, nation, and global community.

IV. Dean's Update (*Jeff Seemann, Rick Rhodes, Dennis Nixon*)

Dean Jeff Seemann presented updates as follows:

- Dean Seemann briefed the faculty on the status of the \$10M capital campaign for \$60M CBLIS project. To aid this effort, CELS produced a video to support the capital campaign. The video was premiered to CELS faculty.

Associate Dean Dennis Nixon presented updates as follows:

- Nixon briefed the faculty on the 2006 NASULGC Annual Meeting that took place in Houston, TX. Nixon offered congratulations to Dr. Roger LeBrun, who received a prestigious USDA Teaching Award. Dr. LeBrun joined the ranks of past recipients from URI who include Dr. Rick Rhodes (FAVS) and Dr. Frank Golet (NRS).
- Nixon presented awards and offered congratulations to the faculty who have been serving the University for (over) 25 years: David Bengtson (FAVS), Marian Goldsmith (BIO), Conrad Recksiek (FAVS), Chong Lee NFS), John Boothroyd (GEO).

Associate Dean Richard C. Rhodes III presented updates as follows:

- Rhodes updated the faculty on the major research grants awarded to CELS faculty in FY2005 to which CELS boasts \$13M in extramural funding. Rhodes offered accolades to all the faculty who have been a huge driving force behind this scholarly and academic endeavor.

V. Open Forum

- A date for groundbreaking for the CBLS building has not been set; it is anticipated to be late winter/early spring.
- Faculty members inquired as to whether we had received any initial pledges; which we have not.

The next CELS All faculty Meeting will take place in the Spring of 2007.

With no new business and no additional agenda items, Prof. David Nelson (CMB) motioned to adjourned. The motion was seconded by Prof. Jay Sperry (CMB).

The CELS All faculty Meeting concluded at 5:34 PM.

Cc: M. Beverly Swan

CELS Curriculum Committee Report

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Members: Chair David Laux, CMB; Len Gerber (Sp06), FSN/NFS; Cathy English (F06), FSN/NFS; Jose Amador, NRS; John Gates, ENRE; Robert Thompson, Mar. Aff.; Alison Roberts, Bio. Sci.; David Fastovsky, GEO; Anthony Maillio, FAVS; Richard Sheridan, CPLA; Larry Englander, PLS; Dennis Nixon, Dean's Off. (ex officio).

The following were approved by the CELS Curriculum Committee and forwarded to the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee and /or the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee.

New Courses:

NRS 404X/504X Terrestrial Ecology.
BIO 480X/580X Community Ecology*
BIO 412X/512X Evolution and diversity of Fishes*
BIO 506 Practicum in Science (Biology) teaching. (Was an X course)
MAF 494 Cases in Marine Policy. (Was an X course)

Deleted Courses:

BIO 100 Topics in Biology	BIO 522 Plant Molecular Biology
BIO 103 Topics in Biology with recitation Seminar	BIO 531 Advanced Parasitology
BIO 104 Topics in Biology with lab Techniques	BIO 547 Laboratory in Electrophysiological
BIO 141 Biology of Marine animals Ecology	BIO 562 Seminar in Behavioral
BIO 203 Introduction to Evolutionary Genetics	BIO 566 Herpetology
BIO 206 Population and Community Dynamics	BIO 568 Ornithology
BIO 331 Parasitology	BIO 570 Field Biology of Fishes
BIO 460 Advanced Population Biology	BIO 666 Biology of Metamorphosis
BIO 501 Systematic Biology animals	BIO 668 Biology of Reproduction in
BCH/BIO 454 Genetics Laboratory	BIO 679 Animal Communication

Other Changes:

- Biological Sciences. Change in list of courses that count toward B.S. Biology, B.S. Marine Biology, and B.A. Biology. Allow up to three credits of AVS 491/492, AFS 491/492, BCH 491/492, BIO 491/492, NRS 491/492, OCG 493/494, or PLS 491/492.
- Eliminate programs in B.S. Environmental Plant Biology and B.S. Water and Soil Science. (This was previously approved.)
- BCH/BIO. Change AFS/PLS 355 Genetics Lab to BCH/BIO 353 and change from 2 credits to 1 credit.
- BCH. Change BCH 342 to BCH 242 Human Genetics and Affairs.
- MIC/BIO 521. Change title from Adv. in Cell Biology to Adv. in Cell & Molecular Biology.

- MIC 447 Experimental Cell Biology. Change from 2 credits to 3 credits.
- NRS. Change catalog description of required courses that count toward major; select from ... delete “economics, planning, policy, and law”, replace with “land use management”.
- Bio. Sci. Allow either MIC 201 or MIC 211 to meet MIC 211 requirement.
- BCH/PLS 452. Change designation to BCH/BIO 452.
- MTC/MIC 483 Introductory Diagnostic Microbiology. Change format – 2 hr lec/2 hr lab to 3 hr lec.
- MTC 195 Biotechnology Manufacturing Methods. Change credits from 3 to 4 and format from 2 hr lec./2 hr lab. To 3 hr lec./4 hr lab.
- AFS/(MIC 538) Epidemiology of Viral and Rickettsial Disease. Change primary listing to MIC/(AFS/AVS) 538 and change title to Epidemiology of Infectious Disease; increase credits from 2 to 3.
- ENRE. Change COM options for the EEM major.*
- ENRE. Change catalog course designations from REN to EEC.*

* Not included in distributed report.