

**Natural Sciences
Division Council Meeting
Minutes
November 12, 2015**

Present: K. Villatoro, M. Jimenez, M. Stupy, C. Cha, J. Coroneus, A. Grant
ASO reps: Linda Tajalli and Mitchell Fujimura

1. SLO Reports: All departments report that their SLO assessments are on schedule for the semester.
2. VPs Prioritization List (attached): The list of items for NS was distributed. M. Jimenez would like to know why Chemistry did not receive any items. A. Grant pointed out that funding for smaller items would be made available to NS, and departments that didn't receive any items (Chemistry and Earth Sciences) would get priority.
3. Facilities/Safety: The planetarium carpeting will be installed over the Christmas break. Regarding the cat and cadaver rooms, there have been several meetings with Facilities and Health & Safety. Update: An outside consultant has been hired to evaluate the situation.
4. Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching: Rebecca Donegan. We are all proud of Rebecca, in Geography!
5. Hiring: Biology is open, closes on 12/21. Geography is not yet open. A. Grant is seeking volunteers for the hiring committees.
6. Onizuka Day: March 5, 2016
7. Annual Planning: Time to make updates, and to get training on TracDat, if needed.
8. Announcements
Any ideas for Spring STEM Speakers? Please announce to your departments.

Jeanie Nishime is establishing a protocol for blackouts, to be distributed soon. Faculty should use their judgement whether or not to continue teaching the class (in a room with ambient light), to teach the class outside if there is no ambient light in the room, or to cancel the class. Classified staff can remain in their areas if the room has ambient light, or they can congregate in the NS Division Office if there is no ambient light in their areas. Classified staff should not make the call to go home. Light could be restored in minutes.

Vice Presidents Prioritization List: NS Funding

VP Priority No.	Division	Strategic Initiative	Description	Fund	Amount Requested
4	AA/NS	B.3	Classroom Furniture & Equipment 2- Physics toolroom equipment: The stockroom needs a Midas combo lathe, mill and drill in the workshop.	BG	10,000
5	NS	B.2	Equipment 01- refrigerator: Refrigerator for the microbiology prep room (LS 132)	BG	4,000
10	NS	B.2	Equipment 02- document cameras: 2 document cameras for the Physics Department.	BG	600
16	NS	B.2	Equipment 03- microscope conversion: 36 monocular microscopes need to be converted to binocular.	BG	16,000
21	NS	B.2	Equipment 05- Slides for Biology: Replacement slides for the Biology 10 and 101 class sets.	BG	2,000
23	NS	A.2	Equipment 06- Digital Spectrometer: The Rspec digital spectrometer will be used in class for physics demonstrations.	BG	2,000
26	NS	B.2	Equipment 07 - Human Anatomy Models: Funding to purchase new and replacment models for the human anatomy classes.	BG	15,000
29	NS	B.2	Equipment 08 - Storage Container: A storage container for the horticulture nursery equipment is needed.	BG	7500
30	NS	A.2	Equipment 10 - Compound microscopes: 36 compound binocular microscopes are needed for LS 105 (Biology 101/102).	BG	50,000