

LIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT MEETING
September 24, 2009
Nats 123 1:00pm.

Attendees: Mike Stupy, Cynthia Hoover, Les Scharlin, Steve Leonelli, Ron LaFond, , Nancy Freeman, Jean Shankweiler, Linda Ohara, Simon Trench, Thuy Bui, Christie Killduff, Bryan Carey, Bruce Letvin, Cynthia Hoover, Eyob Wallano (CEC)

Excused: Margaret Steinberg, Teresa Palos

SLO's—Nancy

N. Freeman reminded all biology teachers (excluding anatomy, physiology and microbiology) that soon the materials for the microscope (program-level) SLO will be distributed. After the data is collected, there will need to be a meeting to discuss the data and develop the slo report.

Curriculum

S. Leonelli reported that Physiology 31 has been reviewed by the Division Curriculum Committee and sent forward to the College Curriculum Committee for review. Biology 16 needs to be reviewed this semester to keep us current in our reviews. Jeanne Bellemin and Bryan Carey will work on this.

Spring 2010

The department voted by email about cuts for the Winter/Spring 2010 sessions. Biology 10 and Physiology 31 from the Winter session will be cut from the offerings.

Summer 2010

Last summer the classes offered were: Anat 30 (2), Anat 32 (2), Biol 10 (7), Micro 33 (2), Phy 31 (2). The Summer 2010 schedule needs to reflect the level of offerings from Summer 2004. This was: Anat 30 (2), Anat 32 (2), Biol 10 (4), Micr 33 (1) and Phy 31 (1). So, we need to offer 5 fewer sections this for summer 2010. A discussion followed as to what courses should be offered. A general consensus was that 5 Biol 10 classes could be offered and 1 Micro 33 class. There was discussion as to whether the other reductions should come from Anatomy 30, 32 or Physiology.

Compton Evaluators

J. Shankweiler indicated 2 instructors are needed for full-time evaluations at Compton. There is reimbursement for the time and also mileage used by the evaluators. E. Wallano indicated that the procedure has changed and the number of meetings required for the evaluation is less than it used to be. After some discussion, N. Freeman and S. Trench agreed to serve as evaluators.

Department Chair Issue from Senate

Dave Vakil requested the department chair issue be discussed in each department meeting. As to the question of should the model of department chairs be pursued, the consensus from

the Biology/Life Science Department was that the model should be pursued, as long as there is release time or compensation for the person doing it. The role for a department chair would be class scheduling, mentoring new faculty, budget issues for the department and working with the technicians. E. Wallano cautioned that it is important to make sure the department chairs are from the disciplines in your department and not from an outside discipline.

Prerequisite Issues

Biology 101, Biology 103 and APhy 34A had a number of prerequisite issues this semester. J. Shankweiler reported that a committee is being developed to try to rectify the problems. The committee includes Admissions and Records, ITS, the Curriculum office, Academic Affairs and a dean.

Horticulture

The water heater and warming tables are in the warehouse. If R. LaFond can determine what needs to be done, J. Shankweiler will make sure the work orders get placed.

Adjourned at 1:45pm