

LIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT MEETING

March 25, 2010

Nats 123 1:00pm.

Attendees: Mike Stupy, Cynthia Hoover, Les Scharlin, Steve Leonelli, Nancy Freeman, Jean Shankweiler, Linda Ohara, Simon Trench, Thuy Bui, Christie Killduff, Bryan Carey, Bruce Letvin, Jeanne Bellemin, Teresa Palos, Margaret Steinberg

Curriculum Review Cycles

The cycle for curriculum review that was developed by T. Bui was distributed. Faculty members present agreed it was fine. Two errors were found and will be sent to L. Kjeseth for correction. Thuy was thanked for her work. Biology 8 and Biology 12 will be reviewed in Spring 2011. Three horticulture classes are up for review in Fall 2010. Jean will remind Ron to work on them this semester so they will be ready for the division curriculum committee by the end of the semester.

Onizuka Preparations

A number of Life Science faculty members are giving presentations. They were reminded to submit receipts if they made any purchases for their presentations. J. Bellemin, B. Carey, C. Hoover, and N. Freeman will all present. Everyone indicated they are set to go. Jean encouraged anyone interested to come see the astronaut and the Honda robot at the keynote address.

Supplies

Technicians reminded everyone the purchasing deadline for supplies is April 1. If anything is needed, let them know right away, so they can get it ordered.

SLO

The program-level SLO of the biology classes is complete and submitted. M. Steinberg is organizing the program-level slo for the health science sections. She asked J. Shankweiler for a list of all instructors teaching anatomy, physiology or microbiology. N. Freeman gave some suggestions on how to manage the data once it is returned and how to get data from all the part time instructors. In addition, the department reviewed the results of the core competency mapping and what to do with the information. The next department meeting can be devoted to developing new course level SLOs to match the core competencies with a 3 or 4.

Planning

Jean asked for volunteers to begin reviewing the Biology and Pre-Health Science 2010-2011 plans that have been submitted, to see if these goal and objectives are accurate and how to get them implemented next year. T. Palos and S. Leonelli volunteered to look at the biology plan. M. Stupy and S. Trench agreed to look at the Pre-Allied Health plan.

Other

S. Leonelli is having his poster display for the Biology 101 sections available in LS 134 next week. Please stop by and look at the posters. Steve has comment sheets for you to evaluate the posters. They will be available for 1 week.

Adjourned at 1:43 pm