

LIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT MEETING

April 22, 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, Jeanne Bellemin, Teresa Palos

Applause Award

Mike Stupy was given an Applause Award from a counselor who always hears wonderful things about Mike from the students.

Anatomy and Physiology Final Interviews

The final interviews are on Tuesday, May 4 from 2-4pm. We requested permission from Dr. Fallo to allow 3 faculty members to attend the final interviews. Les and Thuy will substitute for faculty members attending the final interviews during class time.

Technician Report

The male and female reproductive models purchased with the block grant money. We were able to get 6 of each type. Cynthia, Christie and Linda are interested in getting a greenhouse for all the plants they need for biology. The back-up generator is being moved at the end of the year, so this would be a good place for a greenhouse. Jean said the first step is to place the need and request into the department and division plan.

Grant Opportunities

Teresa is on the campus-wide grant committee and she brought a concept draft of a Title V grant for review. Some discussion ensued about what projects people would like to pursue. N. Freeman wanted a way to incorporate more writing into Biology 10. J. Shankweiler brought up the Walmart Grant the school got for the FIPP program. The program gives faculty members On Course training and then pairs faculty members in different disciplines to work over the year to help ensure the new ideas get implemented over the next year. Participants will get a \$1000 stipend. M. Steinberg already indicated she was interested. Jean will submit her name along with T.Bui and S. Trench to receive more information.

SLO

J. Shankweiler brought the SLO timeline and also core competency information to the meeting. The departments will be working on a set of complete SLO's for the fall 2010 semester. The documents from J. Simon help clarify what this encompasses. The department discussed how to approach this task. S. Leonelli is going to arrange some brown bag sessions for people to work on these and get flex credit.

Other

Jean indicated she had some donations for Bruce Letvin's family. After some discussion it was decided to call Jane Letvin and see what charity Bruce supported so we can make a donation. J. Bellemin asked about a mural in the lobby for the biology department. Several faculty members remembered discussion from the past on this topic. Jeanne indicated she is still interested. Nancy Freeman has updated the Biology 10 lab manual for the summer. She will be distributing copies to summer faculty and Cynthia to start preparing. The publisher will have copies available in fall.

Adjourned at 1:50 pm