

Division of Natural Science

LS Department

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1-1:50pm

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MINUTES

Present: M. Steinberg, T. Palos, P. Parks, C. Lew, J. Padilla, N. Freeman, T. Bui, D. McClelland, M. Stupy, K. Villatoro, B. Carey, M. Mubarak, A. Valle, A. Tuan, A. Grant

- A. SLOs: N. Freeman reports that the SLOs for LS Bio have gone great, with none to be assessed for spring. M. Steinberg reports that the SLOs for LSAH require follow-up in spring. She will resend the instructions at the beginning of the spring semester.
- B. Update from Counseling: Angela Tuan: Send her your issues and ideas. She would be happy to visit classrooms. Note, she will be in the MESA Center on MW (with Ken Key on TuTh). Faculty asked that students be discouraged from taking Micro and Phyto in the same semester, and that students be directed to the Aphy series by counseling. Several faculty encouraged the use of Anat-30 as a stepping stone. LS Bio faculty would like counseling to know that Biol-101 can be taken with Micro, but Biol-101 and 102 should not be taken at the same time.
- C. Division Brown Bag on 12/6 (TP): A second one took place, and more will happen in spring. The first one had 20 attendees.
- D. The noise in LS-130: It's still quite loud, even after the sound insulation was installed. Christie recommended a switch be installed so that instructors can turn off the ventilation for lectures only.
- E. Guided Pathways (PP): The division has had one program mapping session, with the next one being next week. More involvement is needed. Spring meetings will be during college hour and other times so that more people can attend.
- F. Hiring Update (AG): We are proceeding with the FT LSAH hire.
- G. Program Review (AG, MM): M. Mubarak will take the lead on the Program Review. T. Palos and A. Grant will assist. Merium will start by asking faculty which section they'd like to work on.
- H. Collaboration with Mt. SAC (JP): Kim Leolani is applying for an NSF grant for active learning. Four instructors will be involved for three years.
- I. Field trip procedures brown bag (BC): Out of time (next time)!
- J. Announcements: The Biol-10 text and lab manual should be updated in spring.