

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS

Minutes of Council of Chairs Meeting - December 3, 2018

A meeting of the Council of Chairs of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics was held on Monday, December 3, 2018. Stephen Addison presided, members present: Ginny Adams, Emre Celebi, Pat Desrochers, Carl Frederickson, Ramesh Garimella, Brent Hill, and Steve O'Connell. Members absent: Uma Garimella.

Agenda Items:

1. Dean Addison reminded council that Bear Facts Day is Friday, December 7th. He asked that everyone be prepared early as students were dismissed very early from the last Bear Facts Day.
2. Dean Addison asked council to let him know of any Spring enrollment issues so he can put in our request for additional resources to support the enrollment need.
3. Dean Addison reported that a request for additional lecturers in Mathematics will go before the Faculty Senate in December. He asks that council let him know of other faculty needs by early January.
4. Dean Addison announced that the architect selection for the Engineering Annex and Lewis renovations begins in January 2019.
5. Dean Addison asked chairs to encourage their faculty to attend the CNSM Holiday Reception on Thursday, December 6th. This is a great opportunity for new faculty to meet colleagues in other departments.
6. Dean Addison would like to see a good turnout of faculty at both commencement ceremonies next week, as the CNSM will have the largest number of graduates at the undergraduate ceremony.
7. Dean Addison updated council on Faculty Workload Committee progress, which has stalled due to changes in leadership. The Provost will be appointing a new task force to work on establishing some general guidelines to help define faculty workloads. Discussion followed.

Other Items/Announcements

- Dean Addison distributed faculty salary review sheets to the council and asked that they carefully review the reports for any errors and return them to him next week.
- Dean Addison updated council on changes in the counseling center that includes hiring additional counselors to provide better service to both students and faculty/staff.
- Dean Addison asked that council be aware of Title IX changes that are taking place and reminded council that only Title IX officers can determine if a complaint is a Title IX violation. He asks that if there are any doubts, please refer it to Mindy Pipkin for consideration and to encourage all faculty/staff to attend Title IX training.

Chair Reports:

Biology

Dr. Hill reported:

- No report

Chemistry

Dr. Pat Desrochers reported:

- Department is hosting two candidates, Dec 3-5 and Dec 10-12, for its advertised tenure-track organic position (due to Cavender retirement).
- Dunlap and Naumiec paper reference:
Josiah W. Johnson, Kyle W. Cain, Tori B. Dunlap, and Gregory R. Naumiec, Improved Synthesis of 2-Trifluoromethyl-10-aminopropylphenothiazine: Making 2-Trifluoromethyl-10-aminopropylphenothiazine Readily Available for Calmodulin Purification, *ACS Omega* **2018**, 3(11), pp 16309-16313.

Computer Science

Dr. Emre Celebi reported:

- No Report.

Geography

Dr. Stephen O'Connell reported:

- No Report.

Mathematics

Dr. Ramesh Garimella reported:

- A paper entitled, *A Mathematical Model for the Robust Blood Glucose Tracking*, by Weijiu Liu has been accepted by the editorial board for publication in the *Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering*.
- A paper entitled, *An Adoptive Moving Grid Method*, by Yinlin Dong has been accepted for presentation at the 2019 Joint Mathematical Meetings to be held in Baltimore from January 16-19, 2019.
- On October 29, 2018, Charles Watson attended a program assessment and planning meeting (by invitation) at the National Science Foundation Headquarters in Alexandria, VA, for the administration of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Science.
- The department has received 36 applications for the TT position in mathematics education. Screening of applications will begin on December 4th, 2018.

Physics

Dr. Carl Frederickson reported:

- No report.

STEM Institute

Dr. Uma Garimella reported:

- Open house on January 9th. All faculty and staff are invited. We will be sending out the information.
- Emailed the “Partners in Education” faculty interest survey form. Please forward to your faculty.
- Submitted Library of Congress proposal for \$20,000. This is collaboration with Dr. Debra Burris
- The STEM Institute staff are officially Research and Technology Ambassadors, which means we are trained to help you gather specific school data for writing grant proposals.

Development Officer

Aimee Poynter reported:

- No Report