

## Proposed Agenda

1. Review / approve minutes from meetings of 23 October, 13 November, 15 December.
  2. EEB Open house and recruiting event:
  3. Faculty membership application for Mary Harris (revisited):
  4. Darwin celebration:
    - Update
    - EEB participation (EEB contribution of \$250 toward cost of Francisco Ayala visit)
  5. Clark Award:
    - Two applications:
      - Chris Chandler (Advisor: Janzen)
      - Erik Otarola-Castillo (Advisor: Danielson)
    - Files for both on WebCT
    - Review protocols
      - See Formal Agreement and Review Form
      - NB: If you review them, you **must** submit written comments.
    - Review and ranking timeline (by next meeting: 3 February)
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## Minutes

Meeting convened at 2:00 PM in 541 Science II.

Present were Stephanie Bogart, Brent Danielson, Greg Courtney, Mark Kaiser, John Nason, Dave Otis, and Charles Sauer.

### Item 1. Review minutes

The minutes from the meetings of 23 October, 13 November, and 15 December of 2008 were presented for review and discussion.

**Resolved:** The minutes were approved as presented.

### Item 2. EEB open house

Greg reviewed the schedule for the open house program on 6 February. Discussion focused on timing presentations and the projected number of participants (guests and poster presentations). Greg noted that in 2008 all EEB departmental chairs and a number of upper-level administrators (Acker, Colletti, Hoffman, Holger, Payne, Whiteford, Wintersteen) were invited to attend.

**Resolved:** The start times for the midday events will be pushed back 15 minutes to accommodate presentations. The total projected count was revised down and it was decided to opt for a hot meal for lunch. EEB will assist with poster printing costs to try to increase numbers. Brent Danielson recommended that host faculty introduce their visiting prospects to members of the Admissions Committee.

### Item 3. Faculty application of Mary Harris

Greg summarized the present situation with the faculty application of Mary Harris: last year the application was approved for election but upon closer review it was found that Dr. Harris' graduate faculty status had lapsed inactive. It was resolved to defer the election to such a time when Dr. Harris was able to reinstate her status as active. Greg reported that this step had been completed and asked the committee whether anyone had concerns or questions about proceeding with an election.

**Resolved:** No objections were raised. An election will be held by e-mail ballot as soon as possible.

### Item 4. Darwin celebration

Francisco Ayala, evolutionary biologist/geneticist with UC-Irvine, will be at ISU on 18 February to make an 8:00 PM presentation in the Sun Room/South Ballroom as part of the celebration of Darwin's birthday. EEB has committed \$250 in support of this visit.

**Resolved:** No specific action required or taken.

### Item 5. Clark Award

Greg reviewed the circumstances surrounding the 2009 Clark Award: two candidates have submitted applications. The applications will be reviewed by the Supercom members, excluding those subject to conflict-of-interest concerns (e.g., an advisory relationship with the candidate). Greg reminded members that providing written comments to the candidates is a condition associated with the award.

**Resolved:** Candidate files will be posted to the EEB Admin site on WebCT. Supercom members will review them and cast votes prior to the open house on 6 February. The awardee will be announced on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Item 6. Admissions Committee update (*ad hoc*)

Brent Danielson remarked on the timeline for submitting admission nominations for EEB fellowships.

**Resolved:** No specific action required or taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.