

Proposed Agenda

1. Review / approve minutes from 10 March meeting.
 2. Election of EEB chair: update
 3. Fall 09 admissions report
 4. Curriculum update
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Minutes

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

Present were Greg Courtney, Mark Kaiser, John Nason, Dave Otis, and Charles Sauer.

Item 1. Review minutes

The minutes from the March 2009 meeting were presented for review and discussion. Two minor changes were identified and recommended.

Resolved: The changes were approved, and the minutes were approved as amended.

Item 2. Chair election update

Greg Courtney reported that Kirk Moloney has been nominated for the position of program chair and has expressed interest in serving. No other candidates have been identified.

Resolved: Greg indicated that he would solicit a vision statement from Kirk to be sent with the upcoming ballot. The ballot will be sent out next week, 13-17 April, by e-mail.

Item 3. Fall 09 admissions report

Charles reported on the current status of F09 admissions: offers made and offers accepted. EEB has obtained positive responses to all offers but one.

Resolved: No specific action required or taken.

Item 4. Curriculum update

Mark Kaiser reviewed prospective EEB 585 (field trip) offerings for future terms. Most recently, these proposals have included:

- Bill Graves (HORT) – Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, California, possibly Spring 10
- Jim Raich (EEOB) – the Great Lakes, possibly Spring 10
- Jill Pruetz (ANTHR) – Costa Rica, no timetable indicated
- Forrest Nutter (PL P) – Amazon basin, no timetable indicated

A point was raised that related to the potential for a Costa Rica trip to come into conflict with OTS offerings. After brief discussion, it was concluded that the experiences are different enough to not come into direct competition.

A general timetable was proposed and discussed that would involve planning two domestic trip options before offering another international trip.

Mark reported that no input has been received from faculty regarding EEB 698 offerings.

Resolved: John Nason volunteered to speak with Bill Graves and Jim Raich and report back to the committee about their willingness to commit to 585 trips.

Mark Kaiser indicated that he will solicit faculty again for proposals for 698 offerings. It was observed that ecosystem assessment and hierarchical statistical modeling may be topics of interest to students. Mark elaborated on the latter topic and suggested that he may consider offering such a section, depending on input from faculty to his upcoming solicitation.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.