

EEB Supervisory Committee Meeting
8 September 2009

Agenda

1. Faculty renewals
 2. Potential new faculty
 3. Seminar and field trip planning
 4. Status of standing committee members
 5. 2010 recruiting open house
 6. FY10 Budget
 7. IGERT proposal
 8. Approve past minutes
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Minutes

Meeting was convened at 3:10 PM in 255 Bessey.

Present were Brent Danielson, Mark Kaiser, Kirk Moloney, Dave Otis, Jill Pruetz, and Charles Sauer. The student representative seat is vacant, pending identification of a new member.

Item 1. Faculty renewals

Sixteen faculty are due for membership renewal in 2009. Kirk Moloney has sent out a request for renewal packets. Response to-date has been relatively slow.

Resolved: Kirk will send a reminder, with the goal of collecting all renewal packets by 18 September. The Supercom will then review the packets and a vote will be scheduled.

Item 2. Potential new faculty

Kirk asked those assembled for suggestions regarding new faculty suitable to recruit for EEB. Karen Abbott (EEOB) and Kaila Folinsbee (ANTHR) were mentioned as possibilities.

Resolved: Kirk will make follow-up contact with the individuals noted and also contact the chairs of participating departments to seek other new leads.

Item 3. Seminar and field trip planning

Kirk stated that one of his goals as the new EEB chair is to plan seminar and field trip offerings further out, ideally at least two years, to allow students to better plan their programs of study. It was noted that Jim Raich has agreed to lead a trip to the Great Lakes in June 2010. There has also been discussion with Bill Graves regarding a trip to Jasper Ridge in 2011. Jill mentioned that she would be willing to explore options in Costa Rica for a future trip.

No seminars have yet been identified for Spring 2010. Brent indicated that he would consider a future offering. Mark mentioned that he had a list of topics solicited from students and would send it along to the committee.

A brief discussion followed about demand for seminar offerings. Kirk proposed that at least one section be offered in each fall term, leaving the option open for a spring offering if faculty volunteered.

Resolved: The proposal for a regular fall offering was accepted. Kirk will seek volunteers to offer seminar sections and seek confirmation of Bill Graves' intent to lead a trip in 2011. Follow-up discussion will be conducted at future meetings as needed. Charles will follow up with Jim Raich to assist in planning for the S10 trip.

Item 4. Status of standing committee members

Kirk opened by noting that the program governance document calls for three-year terms for committee service. A discussion followed in which the membership of the Supercom, Admissions Committee, and Curriculum Committee was reviewed. It appears that the term of service of several members has expired or is due to expire soon. In addition, John Nason will be going on a sabbatical soon and will need to vacate his seat on the Supercom.

Resolved: Charles will review the election records to establish the current terms of service for all committee members. The Supercom will review this information and follow up accordingly. It is likely that an election will need to be held in the fall term to replace at least some outgoing members.

Item 5. 2010 recruiting open house

Concern was expressed about the next recruiting cycle and whether there will be cuts in student funding. A brief discussion followed. The open house for the F10 recruiting cycle has already been scheduled for 5 February 2010.

Resolved: EEB will proceed with the planned recruiting open house, taking steps to control expenses.

Item 6. FY10 budget

Charles distributed handouts with projected and actual FY09 expenditures and a projected FY10

budget. For FY10, the Graduate College has already delivered an operations allocation of \$2500. The LAS operations allocation remains pending but is expected to be \$6000, as in past years.

Resolved: The categories and amounts in the projected FY10 budget were reviewed and approved. Charles will follow up with LAS to ensure the allocation is delivered.

Item 7. IGERT proposal

Kirk Moloney suggested that the program explore the preparation of an IGERT grant proposal (the National Science Foundation's Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program). This proposal was stimulated by expected reductions in student funding, especially in departmental TA lines. Mark Kaiser observed that such proposals usually involve adopting a specific set of goals related to program development. EEB needs to explore the potential fit. Related to this discussion, questions arose about current departmental participation in EEB and whether EEOB was assuming a dominant role.

Resolved: Kirk asked the committee members to review the IGERT guidelines and consider how a proposal might be developed for EEB. Additional discussion will be devoted to this topic at the October Supercom meeting. Charles will review historical data relating to departmental participation and prepare summaries for the next meeting.

Item 8. Approval of past minutes

The draft minutes from the last Supercom meeting on 7 April 2009 were reviewed.

Resolved: The minutes were approved as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.