

EEB Supervisory Committee Meeting
14 February 2008

Proposed Agenda

1. EEB Open house and recruiting event: summary
 2. EEB Graduate Admissions Committee update
 - a. synopsis of GAC's decisions
 - b. discussion of rankings and funding
 3. Curriculum: update from Ad Hoc Committee regarding EEB core course
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Minutes

Meeting convened at 12:30 PM in 255 Bessey

Present were Anne Bronikowski, Greg Courtney, Jennifer Deitloff, Jack Dekker, Mark Kaiser, John Nason, and Charles Sauer.

Agenda

1. EEB Open House and Recruiting Event

Action Item: summary and review of program

The Open House of 1 February was discussed, considering post-event feedback from faculty, students, and prospects. Some specific points included

- poster session was very well received
- time for poster viewing should be extended
- lunch was good but some suggested a simpler “grab-and-go” food option
- some favored speaker presentations during meal

Resolved: EEB will apply the same model for an open house program for the Fall 2009 recruiting cycle, considering the experience and feedback relating to the 2008 program. Charles will schedule the same space at the Memorial Union.

2. Admissions Update – **Committee session was closed at this time.** The student committee representative withdrew from the room.

a.

Action Item: synopsis of Graduate Admissions Committee (GAC) decisions

Anne Bronikowski, chair of the EEB Admissions Committee, distributed a handout with a summary of the ranking of the twelve individuals nominated for admission as of the date of the meeting. She described the voting process by which the rankings were generated.

Resolved: No specific action required or taken.

b.

Action Item: discussion of rankings and funding

Resolved:

- Allocated funds will be divided into three, 10.5-month RA appointments, to be offered to the top three applicants in the ranking scheme.
- EEB will more clearly communicate the flexibility of the Biotechnology Fellowship program to faculty advisors to help them best apply these awards to attracting new students.

3. Curriculum

Action Item: update from the Ad Hoc Committee on new EEB core course

Mark Kaiser, chair of the EEB Curriculum Committee, reported on progress with the new core course. He distributed a course outline by which the Ad Hoc Committee, assembled to develop the course, is directing its efforts. The Ad Hoc Committee is developing a hierarchy of topics and potential instructors who can present them. The committee will meet again during the week of 18-22 February to continue its work.

Resolved: The Supervisory Committee will continue to hear updates on progress with the new core course and will discuss and resolve relevant points as they arise.

4. Clark Award – ad hoc agenda item

Action Item: discussion of award criteria

Anne Bronikowski raised the topic of award selection criteria. The present interpretation of the criteria includes a program service component in judging candidate applications. Questions have been raised by faculty and students about whether the service component has been appropriately considered for some recent awards.

Resolved: The Supervisory Committee will review the award criteria, past precedents in selecting candidates, and will direct particular attention to ensuring that all appropriate selection standards are applied in the future. Voting committee members for the 2008 and future awards will assemble their comments relative to their ranking of candidates and submit them to Charles who will in turn provide them in anonymous form to the applicants.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.