

CBS FEC meeting Oct 20, 2017

Members Present:

Anne Britt

Ted Powers

Hwai-Jong Cheng

Joanne Engebrecht

Johanna Schmitt

Stephen Kowalczykowski

Bo Liu

Ex officio:

Associate Dean John Harada

Associate Dean Susan Keen

Meeting begins at 11:05 am

Agenda:

1. BIS core review

Announcement:

Dean Winey would like this item to be examined with priority: BIS 2A-C and BIS 101-105 content

Background and Discussion:

Content of the BIS Core comes up during reviews of College majors

Committee formed in 2015 by FEC Chair Frank McNally but report never filed in 2016 and the committee most likely never met.

Present Goal: Reconstitute a committee to address this issue. The committee will generate a questionnaire to survey faculty opinion of the core's content. Core content will be provided to the respondents in the form of a representative syllabus for each course. It was suggested that the committee contact the lead instructor for each course to obtain a sample syllabus.

Questions raised of who to Chair and whether participants should teach within the core or not (the previous committee was composed of faculty that did not teach in the core). It was suggested that instructors could be used to refill and empty slots in the 2015 committee. It was also suggested that an LPSOE participate, although there was worry that this placed an excessive service demand on the (young) LPSOEs. Discussion about best approach and issues of staffing as the committee may require significant effort.

Action Items: Contact previous committee members to see if one would be chair of reconstituted committee, assuming Barbara Horwitz will no longer be willing to serve. Anne will do this.

2. Human Biology major

Announcement:

This represents a new undergraduate major presently in the planning stages.

Marty Usrey is Chair of the planning committee.

Background and Discussion:

Path to this as a new major uses existing courses in CBS and primarily taught by CBS faculty.

Question of who will administer the major. NPB one logical choice but rationale offered for MCB to participate as an interdepartmental major. Question remains of relationship between this new major and the College committee on interdepartmental majors

Concern raised over path of creation of committee, if it was at the level of administration and departmental chairs but not faculty at large (including FEC).

Action items: invite to a future FEC meeting Chair Usrey or another representative to discuss the major and the role that FEC may play at this point. Anne will do this.

3. CBS-specific grad student awards committee

Announcement:

Recommendation by Associate Dean Harada to create specific committee to evaluate applications for graduate awards. This is separate from committee for undergraduate awards.

Action Items: Identify faculty to serve on this committee and develop guidelines for the committee. Anne will email requests to CBS grad program chairs.

4. Retiree health benefits

Tabled for this meeting because of system-wide response to this issue.

5. Mel Green naming

Announcement:

Proposal to name Life Sciences after Professor Emeritus Mel Green.

This has been proposed in prior years but has been put forward most recently to the Dean by others, including some departmental chairs.

Background and Discussion

Push back from NPB? Question of process is a main issue.

Question: what is role of FEC in this process?

List read of qualifications/rationale for choosing Mel Green for this distinction

Action items: write letter of strong support for honoring Mel, including naming the building if it is consistent with the plans of the Dean and with the process involved in naming of buildings. A draft will be shared with the Dean when ready. Joanne just volunteered to do this.

6. Step Plus Report:

Background and Discussion:

Data in report reveals that during first 2 years of Step Plus, CBS is lower in terms of 2 step promotions compared to some other units.

Question is whether these differences are happening at the level of departments, FPC, or CAP
Discussion whether FPC is suppressing actions.

Associate Dean Harada states FPC is doing an overall good job of promoting 2-step actions to CAP. However, the data indicate CBS is not promoting our faculty compared to other units.

Implication is that departmental level may be an issue, although not all of the relevant data is available (for example, total number of actions put forward by departments).

Action Items: Provide feedback to departments that we may need to be better at promoting our own faculty. Also, will need information from meeting from Dean Harada/FPC and CAP representative, anticipated to occur during Winter quarter 2018.

7. Administrative growth report

Not discussed.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 pm.

Next Meeting:

Friday, November 17, 2017

11:00 – 12:00

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