

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Council Meeting Minutes
20 Februaryy 2018 in SU2579 3:30-5:00 PM

Call to Order

- Presiding: Hans Gottgens
- Present: Jim Anderson, John Bellizzi, Kathy Fisher, Michael Heben, Edith Kippenhan, David Krantz, Brenda Leady (secretary), Song-Tao Liu, Timothy Mueser, Hassam Quershi, Kathy Shan, Qin Shao, Don Stierman, Rebecca Sturges, and Sibylle Weck-Schwarz
- Absent: Deborah Vestal (excused), Tom Megeath (excused)
- Others: Brian Ashburner, John Plenefisch

Approval of Minutes

- 23 January minutes for approval moved to next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- NSM College admission policies.
 - Hans – goal to make recommendation to change policies based on data or make no changes
 - Brian – data for our college since 2011. “Data buckets” based on ACT/ GPA. Data slides will be provided.
 - Should we have an “OR” or an “AND” in listing GPA and AC T criteria in our admission policies?
 - Biological Sciences already has a higher admission GPA standard (2.75) – 56% of any incoming class to NSM.
 - John P. – changes to admission standards may decrease diversity enrollment from Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus schools by 40%, particularly if we require a higher ACT. Data on students being put in University College instead of NSM shows much poorer retention rate.
 - Hans – Come up with admission policy language to vote on in March meeting.

University reports and Proposals

Faculty Senate (David Krantz)

- Update from Provost – reaching out for comments shows commitment to shared governance.
- Gaber’s goal to increase marketing of UT – redoing web pages.
- Crisis Response Workshops – session taped and available for viewing.
- PA program issue – Gaber asking if any NSM programs need outside accreditation. Only Med Tech in Biological Sciences. Look ahead. Be proactive.
- Budget not as grave but still a shortfall.
- Provost Hsu – goal to be leader in online education and competency based education.
- UT grant writing assistant. Three colleges considering having their own.

Graduate Council Report (Brain Ashburner)

- COGS strategic plan being presented and reviewed.

College Reports and Proposals

NSM Chairs meeting (Hans Gottgens)

- Covered in new business.

Council Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee (John Bellizzi)

- BIOL6200/8200 Advanced Signal Transduction
 - Committee approves removal of prerequisite based on Banner enrollment issues
 - Council approves
- CHEM6940/8940
 - Committee approves. Council approves
- New graduate program proposal – Graduate certification in environmental and sustainable chemistry.

- Committee approves. Council approves
- John P. – Draft proposal from WAC committee
 - Summary – all faculty members teaching a WAC course must participate in training workshop and all WAC courses must be recertified during 2018-2019.
 - WAC committee asking for NSM council endorsement
 - Hans – ask Curriculum Committee to evaluate and come with recommendation in March meeting. Draft being sent out by email to council.

Election Committee (Sybille Weck-Schwarz)

- CCAP and Grad Council positions to fill.
- 2 types of positions – departmental and college.

Academic Grievance Committee (Tim Mueser)

- College needs final grades appeals form. Committee will work on this.

New Business

Input to NSM draft workload guidelines

- Hans – Dean has asked for feedback on draft. No existing document. Document intended to promote transparency.
- Several council members – What was intent of this document? What is in this document that is not in CBA? Why can't this wait until we have a new CBA.
- John P. – "Research active" will be defined by each department.
- Council recommends college office send draft to all faculty.
- Council – send comments to Dean ASAP.

Meeting adjourned 5:12pm.