

Biological Sciences
Faculty Meeting
8/9/2017
Stephens Room, Thomas Hall

Jerry LeBlanc welcomes group and addresses agenda:

Faculty news:

Kurt Marsden is officially with here. Encourages group to welcome him. Office: 146 DCL, Lab: 268 DCL.

Adam Hartstone-Rose was discussed at the last meeting (7.19.17). We took a vote on his home with BioSci as he'll be assuming the role of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the college. The vote was in favor of admitting to BioSci. Jerry asked the Dean for his status yesterday; Adam will be here next month and right now the remaining item is placing his wife, who is also an academic. It's looking like she'll be in CHASS, but it's not finalized.

Jerry advises group when he informed the dean of Adam's vote, the vote came with some caveats, and the dean agreed to all of them, except the request for an LSFY advisor. Notes this has not been denied, but is still in motion as the dean is talking with CALS about sharing the cost of this hire. Another caveat was two new faculty hire lines, to which the dean has agreed. During the last meeting faculty identified a couple of areas in genetics (systems genetics and evolutionary genetics) for which we'll search. Soon Jerry will establish a search committee; if you're interested in serving please send him a note asap. He will assign a chair to the committee to get started.

Vicki Martin has taken on new responsibilities as interim Asst. Director for Academic Affairs at CALS. Physically her office will still be in DCL. She will continue current teaching assignments, but her main effort will be in this new position.

Jerry asks group if anyone has anything to add. Notes John Godwin.

~John shares info about the [Safe Genes Program](#) with DARPA.

~Carlos Goller awarded two new grants:

NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) grant
REU Site: BioTechnology Sequencing-based Undergraduate Research Experience (BIT SURE)
Award Number:1659225; Principal Investigator: Sabrina Robertson; Co-Principal Investigator: Carlos Goller;
Organization: North Carolina State University; NSF Organization :DBI Start Date:09/15/2017; Award
Amount:\$246,526.00

NSF Research Coordination Network-Undergraduate Biology Education (RCN-UBE) grant:
RCN-UBE: HITS: High-throughput Discovery Science & Inquiry-based Case Studies for Today's Students
Award Number:1730317; Principal Investigator: Carlos Goller; Co-Principal Investigator: Sabrina Robertson;
Organization: North Carolina State University; NSF Organization: DBI Start Date:08/15/2017; Award
Amount:\$499,901.00

~Melissa Ramirez and Claire Gordy were awarded a DELTA grant for their proposal, ""Integrating Tactile Teaching Tools to Enhance Inclusivity in Science Learning" in which the two will enhance distance education by providing 3d printable tactile tools. Jerry asks if they are taking requests—YES!

RPT Process 17-18, candidates:

Beth Hawkins
Lisa Parks

Yi-Hui Zhou
Tony Planchart
Dahlia Nielsen

John Meitzen
Reade Roberts

Seminars start next week, which will be recorded if unable to attend.

College reorg: Dean held sessions addressing the report and has come up with a plan that is ready for implementation. He is meeting with staff next week to go over plan. Might be addressing faculty with update afterwards. Only real change o the Department will be David Newkirk reporting to Debbie Carraway, but will still be here to serve the dept.

Jane provides overview for increase in enrollment: Fall has 100 more than last year, 550 total for LSFY. In Spring new freshman went from 10-15 to as many at 115, which is why they are asking for an advisor. And that's just the new freshman, not counting transfer students. Advises faculty that any looking for teaching can talk to her about ideas, including LSC 101 and LSC 170.

Strategic plan: Since it's gone out, Jerry has received several notes from faculty stating areas in which they wish to participate, but needs more. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Jerry. Advises that by the retreat he hopes to at least have a skeletal structure of the groups. Asks for comments—none.

Jerry reminds group the retreat is 9/29 at Hunt Library.

Departmental Leadership: Jerry notes that in January, he will have one year left on his contract. Encourages faculty to start thinking about what they want to do. He would be honored to continue as head, but if not, again stresses the importance of beginning this discussion, with the dean and with each other. Notes Kathleen will assist with setting up a meeting with dean if requested. Notes not to put the subject off until the last min, because then someone else will make the decision for you.

2 Factor Authentication: Emails have gone and will continue to go out reminding dept. members to get registered. The college is requiring compliance from all members by 9/29. Follow instructions found in your email. If needing assistance, please contact David Newkirk at cos_bio@help.ncsu.edu.

Meeting closes.