



MINUTES
Biology/Biotechnology
4/29/2021 - virtual

Date of Meeting:

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Members present:

Ex officio: Kathy Siegler, Linda Gingerich, Linae Boehme, Shannon Ulrich
Officio: Ann McNicol chair, Guy Bradley, Chelsea Knapp, Steve Harper, Bob Ulrich

Members excused:

Ex officio: Marilyn Browne, Natavia Middleton, Joe Benavides
Officio: Meghan Gentilini, Kaitlyn Kirkpatrick, Allison Williams

Others present:

N/A

Call to order:

Kathy Siegler 5:11 PM

Previous Minutes Approved:

Motion by: Shannon Ulrich
Second by: Guy Bradley

Unfinished Business:

The chair did not draft a letter to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Full time faculty member for AS Biotech program that can also teach anatomy and physiology courses will be hired for Fall 2021. Unfortunately, this hire is not likely to help the Baccalaureate Biology program. A request for the 2022-2023 academic year will be made. It is likely that this request will be honored in light of the potential for additional funding for the college.

Program Updates:

Biology – There is a huge need for internship opportunities. The need is critical because of changes in the program requirements.
AS Biotech- Five students graduated at the end of the Fall 2020 semester, one will graduate at the end of the summer 2021 semester and two will graduate at the end of the Fall 2021 semester. Two of the three students in the Capstone course passed the BACE exam. A discussion on the viability of the program concluded with the recommendation that there be a hold decisions for an additional year. This decision was based on President Biden’s push toward funding community college technology programs and an optimistic funding outlook.

Subcommittee Reports:

N/A

Student Update:

N/A

New Business:

All current members agreed to continue on the advisory board for the 2021-2022 academic year in their current roles.
A suggestion was made that members of the committee reach out to Magaly Tymms concerning use of TB-B2B funds to support Baccalaureate Biology student research.

Industry Updates & Discussion:

Internship opportunities will continue to be an issue until the pandemic is under control. None of the advisory board employers are hiring interns this summer.

Adjournment: 6:02 PM

Katherine Siegler, PhD

Secretary