

MINUTES - SCIENCE DEPARTMENT MEETING

October 8, 2010
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Video Conference (I-122 Lee)

Facilitator	Peggy A. Romeo
Subject	Monthly Departmental Meeting
Attendees	<p>Full-time: Cheryl Black; Kurt Donaldson; Roz Jester; Jamie Scott; Nirmala Prabhu; Bob Burns; Bill Dabby; George Manacheril; David Rohrbach; Jed Wolfson; Marius Coman; Tina Ottman; Lisa Rice-McGarity; Bill Wilcox; Ed Hooks; Bruce Wingerd; Connie Allen</p> <p>Adjunct: Ann Mantell; Roy Hepner; Mala Wingerd</p>
Absent	Lyman O'Neal; Jay Koepke

Discussions

No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	BS Biology degree	Kristen Zimmerman joined us to talk about creating a new BS Biology degree. Before moving too far it was suggested we create a student survey to help determine which direction we want to proceed with the degree; i.e., Biology with an emphasis in environmental studies, pre-professional, research, etc. Several people from each campus have volunteered to serve on the curriculum development committee.
2.	New Course Development	The development of the BS Biology degree curriculum will require new courses to be developed. P. Romeo to see about stipends for course development. Also proposal of Biology of Behavior course described to faculty; next step will be decision of December Curriculum Committee meeting.
2.	Update on A&P	It was decided that a closer look is required for the A&P course outlines and catalog description. Appears to still be some ambiguity with wording.
3.	Consistency in Various Sections of Courses	Discussion of how to ensure all sections of our courses are consistently covering the same learning outcomes
4.	BSC1010 & BSC1011 as "C" Courses	Discussion focused on pros and cons of changing BSC1010 and BSC1011 into C courses. P. Romeo will look into how other Florida institutions list these two courses.
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Carry Over Items for Next Meeting

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1.	<i>Consistency A&P Catalog description and course outlines.</i>	A&P professors and P. Romeo will examine ambiguity in catalog description and course outlines and report back during November meeting. Also, need to discuss how to provide easy access to list of extended outcomes for all A&P faculty.
2.	<i>Update on lab insurance</i>	Theo K. will update on when and how we will obtain lab insurance.
3.	<i>Next meeting date</i>	Friday, November 12 @ 1:00