

Meeting Agenda

Date: 9/24/2021

Location: Virtual

Time: 12-1 pm

Type of Meeting: *Regular*

Committee Members: Zia Nisani, Kaitlin Bessinger, Andrés Carrillo, Dang Huynh, Osvaldo Larios Perez, Junko Suzuki, Patricia Palavecino, Lauren Conroy, Suda Anunta, Kristal Ibrahim, Lena Coleman, Joshua Shipp, Barbara Fredette, George Shahla, Joseph Esdin, Christos Valiotis.

Items	Person	Action
1. Welcome	<i>Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new hire for Anatomy & Physiology, Dr. Andrés Carrillo was introduced.
2. Dean updates	<i>Christos Valiotis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The modality of instructions for Spring 2022 was discussed. The faculty were informed that classes will be F2F and why hyflex model does not work for sciences. The faculty were encouraged to contact the dean if there are issues with covid reporting. Encouraged faculty, especially the biologist, to use their scientific expertise and talk about vaccinations efficacy and be an advocate in the community. Faculty were also encouraged to talk about covid-testing and approach it from scientific perspective.
3. SLOs , Outcome Analysis, & Program Review	<i>Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The faculty were informed that the SLO data for 2020-2021 were retrieved and sent to them. The subject coordinators were encouraged to talk to relevant faculty and develop Outcome Analysis (old action plans). The due date was set for mid-October as the Program Review is due on November 30th.
4. Invitation to co-author or assist in the writing of new exercises for Biology 101L	<i>Dr. Lauren Conroy & Lena Coleman</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biology 101 coordinators showed the proposed outline developed by the committee for the new Biology 101 lab manual and encouraged people to sign-up to help with writing of the exercises. A survey will be sent to solicit more responses.

5. Biology Position	<i>Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was announced that the BES department was approved for a new Anatomy & Physiology position. The faculty were encouraged to think about participating in the hiring committee.
6. Open discussion	<i>Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristal Ibrahim informed everyone about the new walk-in hours for STEM Majors (Tuesdays 4:30-6:30pm APL 121B) and walk-in hours for engineering in UH 282 at 8-10am with Kaitlynn Furlong. Faculty were encouraged to contact the library if there are books that will be helpful for Biology, Agriculture and water treatment majors.

Next Meeting: TBD