Natural Sciences Chairs’ Council

December 4, 2023

1:00pm – 3:00pm

In Attendance: J. Dodsworth, D. Smith, K. Dajani, T. Tolar-Peterson, N. Dabbs, M. Jetter, J. Yu, J. Torner, G. Escalante, D. Maynard, D. Rinebolt, T. Valencia, S. Pantula, C. Hood, S. McGill, G. Vigil

Overview of Nursing Department – Jie Yu

Overview of Science Success Center – Guillermo Escalante

Project RAISE – Mike Chao

Dr. Chao reached out to the chairs to help recruit STEM faculty, alums, and students/student clubs to participate in the Summer STEM Institute, in support of Project RAISE.

Announcements by Administrators

* Dr. Hood requested chairs send her a listing of faculty who won’t reach their entitlement.
* Dr. McGill reported that the English Department has reached out to her to see if ENG 3061 is a class that they should continue to offer to CNS students. Enrollment is usually very low. Biology and chemistry are the two departments whose students may need this class. If CNS wants to continue to have this course available, chairs need to advertise this class to their students.
* Ms. Valencia reported that she would like to start working on spring contracts and asked the chairs to assign faculty as soon as they can to facilitate this.
* Dr. Vigil spoke to the chairs about the intranet program for the college which he has set up. This will facilitate the sharing of documents as needed for each department and groups within the departments. Access will be limited to those who are part of the individual programs.
* Dr. Escalante reported that he has been working with the HS initiative committee. He has sent the link to the chairs so they can input any information from their departments related to Hispanic student success.
* Dr. Pantula discussed with the chairs the scheduling of the chairs’ meetings for the month of January since the first and third Mondays of the month are holidays. It was decided to hold the meetings on the second and fourth Mondays in January.