Natural Sciences Chairs Council

March 21, 2022

1:00pm – 3:00pm

In Attendance: M. Chao, B. Stanley, K. Dajani, C. Todd, L. Mian, B. Haddock, T. Burch, J. Torner, G. Escalante, D. Maynard, D. Rinebolt, S. McGill, S. Pantula, T. Valencia

Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2022

* Minutes of the March 7th meeting were approved.

Announcements by Chairs

* Dr. Todd reported the Geology Department has hired 2 new faculty to begin in the fall.
* Dr. Haddock reported the Kinesiology Department has begun the process of hiring a new chair. It is to be an internal search.
* Dr. Dajani reported the Computer Science Department has been very busy lately. He reported that the ABET reviewer was very pleased with the report they submitted. Additionally they have applied for a VETI grants.
* Dr. Chao reported the Biology Department too has been busy with VETI grant applications.
* Dr. Mian reported the Health Science Department has finished the search for a new department chair and have sent their recommendation on to the dean. This week they are working on interviewing candidates for the EHS position.
* Dr. Burch reported the Nursing Department has wrapped up their searches and recommendations have been submitted to the dean.
* Dr. Torner reported the Physics Department has completed their faculty search and have submitted their recommendations to the dean. He also reported the department is working on recruitment efforts to increase the number of students in their field of studies.

Announcements by Administration

* Dr. Escalante reported the STEM Center is looking to hire a higher level of advisor. They are working on the position description and hope to post it soon.
* Dr. Escalante reported the STEM Center held a career panel for physics students and it went very well.
* Dr. Maynard reported that he attended a NACADA conference last week. Many of the issues that were discussed are shared by campuses all over.
* Dr. Maynard reminded chairs of the Celebration of Teaching Event being held this week.
* Dr. Maynard reported that April 8th there will be an Open House to promote CSUSB to potential students.
* Dr. McGill said that students eligible for the college outstanding student award were notified and have submitted their paperwork. The committee members who will decide on the winner have been give the rubrics for making their decision.
* Dr. McGill reported that the distributed learning policy had its first reading at the last faculty senate meeting.
* Dr. McGill reported that advising for Fall 2022 has begun.
* Dr. McGill reported that Spring 2023 schedule build begins April 4th
* Dr. McGill reported that she has submitted the Strategic Plan Report for the college. She shared a handout with three tables detailing 1) retention and graduation rates for CSUSB, PDC and CNS FTF for the Fall 2017 cohort; 2) four-year graduation rates for CNS students of the Fall 2017 cohort disaggregated by department and diverse groups and 3) time to degree for masters’ student in each CNS department. The chairs were divided into three groups. Each group was to review a particular table and then return to the discussion with possible questions and concerns.