Natural Sciences Chairs Council

May 1, 2019

12:00pm – 2:00pm, BI-104

In Attendance: S. Pantula, S. McGill, P. Dixon, S. McMurran, B. Haddock, K. Cousins, H. Qiao, M. Chao, C. Davis, D. Maynard, D. Rinebolt, T. Valencia, L. Guzman

1. Informational Items
   1. Announcement by Chairs

* Dr. Cousins gave a report on the VETI award. She also announced that Jeremy Mallari had received the OSR outstanding mentor award.
* Dr. Davis reported that the nutrition program will have an accreditation visit May 18-21. She also reported that the Health Care Management program will have its program review this month.
* Dr. Chao reported that the museum has been cleaned out and is ready for the renovation to begin. He also reported that Monique Quinn, graduate biology student, and Aeriel Vanluesauls, undergraduate biology student, were named the recipients of the Professor Richard Fehn Memorial Scholarship. This is the first year that two scholarship winners were selected. An award ceremony will be held May 10th.
* Dr. McMurran reported that Gabriel Lopez was named the second-place winner in the “Physical and Mathematical Sciences” session at the 33rd Annual CSU Student Research Competition held at Cal State Fullerton.
* Dr. Guzman reported that an offer has been extended for the SSP II advisor position. Interviews for the HPAC director will begin this Friday.

b. Announcements by Administration

* Dr. McGill reported that a private donor is going to fund the Geology Keck Project. $325,000 will be allotted for this project concerning drones.
* Dr. McGill reported that museum renovation will begin in July.
* Dr. Maynard reported the Coyote Connect went well. He asked chairs to give him any feedback they may have. He also reported that the Reach Out event at the end of March went well too.
* Dr. Maynard reported that Jocabed McCormick will give them envelopes to hand out to STEM students. He requested they be given to the students before removing any advising holds.
* Dr. McGill announced that priority 1 registration for summer classes begins May 6th. Priority 1 registration for fall quarter begins May 15th.
* Dr. McGill also reported that for the winter schedule build from May 13 to 28 you may only assign rooms that are assigned to the department. After May 28 you may choose from rooms that are assigned to the college. June 3rd the optimizer will be run to assign rooms to classes that do not already have a room assignment.
* Dr. McGill reported on the assessment annual reports. Amber Olney has reported that if the Q2S reports look good there may be no need for the assessment annual report. Dr. Cousins inquired about the format for the report. Dr. Dixon mentioned that with Q2S it is difficult to get faculty to work on a program that they know is ending.
* Dr. Pantula reported that his individual meetings with the departments went well. If all goes as projected, the college will be approximately a $49K shortfall for this year. He is currently working on a report for the provost concerning this.
* Dr. Pantula reported the part-time faculty funding resulted in a $350K shortfall. He will schedule another 1:1 meeting with the chair and ASC of each department to discuss this.
* Dr. Pantula shared an excel file of requests for new positions. He asked if the chairs had any thoughts to please let him know. He said the provost will make the decision on the number of positions for the college and then he will make the decision concerning the departments.