

Meeting Agenda

Date: 4/16/2021

Location: Virtual

Time: 2-3:30 pm

Type of Meeting: *Regular*

Committee Members: Zia Nisani, Christos Valiotis , Patricia Palavecino, Dang Huynh, Lena Coleman, Matthew Rainbow, Osvaldo Larios, Jedidiah Lobos, Kaitlin Bessinger, Barbara Fredette, Lauren Conroy, Joshua Shipp, Joseph Esdin, George Shahla

Items	Person	Action
1. Welcome new hires	<i>Christos Valiotis & Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced the new FT hires and everyone greeted them. Congratulated Dr. Lobos on getting tenure.
2. Dean updates	<i>Christos Valiotis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed everyone that there is a virtual UR conference coming up and encourage people to attend. Mentioned that there are funding available to pay for the conference. Informed the group that college president announced his retirement at the end of June 2022. Talked about fall opening and possible Hyflex trainings so we can be prepared if needed. However, for now, we do not know how Fall 2021 will be, but hoping for the best. Informed the group about a presentation that is coming down the pipeline from the Instructional continuity group. This summer, due to changes to the block schedule, many biology classes fall under “positive attendance” rule. They are developing a process/training to make this easy for the faculty.
3. SLOs & Action Plans	<i>Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLOs notifications were sent out. Once all the data is in, the chair will tabulate and send to responsible faculty groups to develop Action Plans.
4. Biology Position	<i>Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology position was announced and we hope to have the interviews by May.

5. Open discussion	<i>Zia Nisani</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The summer session was discussed in more detail.
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Next Meeting: May 4th