

DIVISION OF NATURAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS
DIVISION MEETING 02/13/06
Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Yang , Ms. Wade, Dr. Moreira, Ms. Haigler , Dr. Ponting, Dr. Rao, Ms. Holden, Dr. S. Curtis, Ms. McCall, Dr. Cole, Dr. Lee, Dr. M. Curtis, Dr. Treadway, Dr. Goble, Dr. Iheanacho, Dr. Goble, Dr. Price, Dr. Cotton, Dr. Campbell, Ms. Adams, Dr. M. Curtis

1. Devotional:

Dr. Ponting suggested 30 second of silence.

2. Review of Division Meeting Minutes for November:

The minutes of meeting for November 14, 2006 was reviewed. Dr. Ponting made a correction under the old business to change 60% of students to 40% of students. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. STEM Fair and HBCU-UP Grant Advisory Board Meeting:

Dr. M. Curtis thanked everyone for their help with the STEM Fair. Dr. M. Curtis indicated overall the STEM Fair was a success. Dr. Curtis also indicated next year for the STEM Fair students should have posters from each department.

Ms. Haigler indicated the 8th Annual Student Research will be October 4 -7, 2007 in Washington, DC.

4. Infusion of Computational Science into the STEM Curriculum:

Dr. S. Curtis indicated Dr. Yang was able to establish a wireless link in the gym, lab 100 and the faculty resource room 222.

Dr. S. Curtis also indicated she would like to make infusion of Computational Science in the STEM curriculum as major goal for the HBCU-UP. Dr. Curtis also indicated a mini-course will be discussed in our March division meeting. Dr. Lee will talk about tools and Dr. Rao will do applications. There will be three modules in CS100 and with the help of Dr. Price and Dr. Moreira use a problem from chemistry and biology and applied excel to help solve the problem.

Dr. S. Curtis indicated Ms. Holden's Ecology course controlled mini landfill decomposition data could be used for the computer model to project timelines and comparison. Dr. Cotton has been gathering data from State and County for the last three years for rabies cases. Dr. Rao will have two models/projects to present to the EAB (1) immunology and (2) effects of drugs on frogs hearts.

5. Status of SACS Reaffirmation Process:

Dr. S. Curtis distributed copies of the timeline for 2009 Reaffirmation Track A. Dr. S. Curtis indicated that Dr. McLawrence is the representative for the faculty on the committee and five faculty went to the meeting in Atlanta. Dr. S. Curtis also indicated the final compliance certification is due 3/14/08 and the on-site certification will be 12/15/08. The final review for the reaffirmation will be 6/22-24/09.

6. Summer Internship for Students:

Dr. Rao and Dr. Ponting will be sponsoring a Summer Opportunities Forum on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 from 6:00p.m.– 7:00p.m.

Dr. S. Curtis indicated there is a summer scholars institute at Indiana University – Bloomington. Dr. S. Curtis also indicated there is a notebook in Division Office and the HBCU-UP for summer internships and opportunities.

The NE Alliance SPUR Program has two slots for the William College Partnership. Also, the George Washington Carver program at the University of Arkansas has an internship and the deadline is March 1, 2007.

7. Old Business:

Dr. Rao indicated the Annual Grant Writing Workshop is Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

8. New Business:

Dr. S. Curtis reminded faculty that the National Beta Kappa Chi Conference will be March 14-16, 2007. Dr. S. Curtis indicated three Bennett students will do a presentation and eight students have already registered. Dr. S. Curtis also indicated the conference needed judges for the poster presentations. Bennett College is listed as a co-host for the National Beta Kappa Chi Conference. The HBCU-UP will sponsor some students

Adjourned:

12:16 P.M.

Recorded by Ms. Nadine McCain-Smith