

- I. A meeting of the faculty of the Department of Biological Sciences was called to order at 12:33 p.m. on Thursday, February 7th, 2019 in MO 451 by Dr. Don Hauber.
- II. Faculty present: ~~Anderson~~, Barnes, Barrilleaux, Bucolo, ~~Chiasson~~, Cole, Dorn, Hauber, Hood, ~~Jordan~~, ~~Mix~~, Thomas, ~~Tobler~~, Wolfe, ~~Yadav~~.
- III. DSAC representatives: Julia Racine and Arden Lagrone.
- IV. Minutes were approved for the January 8th meeting with 1 abstention.
- V. Announcements
 - A. Biology Research Seminars: The spring lineup is posted.
 - B. Health Career Seminars: The spring schedule is posted. Tirtho Biswas will probably take over for Tish Beard.
 - C. DSAC update: Nothing to report. They will probably have a meeting next week.
 - D. DAC update: Incoming potential students will be allowed to sit in classes, possibly view student presentations and use a hands on approach. Uriel needs the number of seats available. He also needs a description of what you plan to do; i.e., hands on in a research lab. The Open House on April 7-9 will be Admitted Students Day. March 17-18 will be Junior Open House. Online Course Planning has a new rubric.
 - E. Fall Schedule: The schedule is a work in progress. Don will share a tentative schedule.
 - F. Other Announcements: URS – Don needs any scheduling conflicts by Friday, February 8th. Department/Senior Awards – we need to submit the names to the Dean's office by March 1st. Biochemistry I is now cross-listed with Biology (BIOL A405).
- VI. Old Business:
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Handshake: Don introduced guest, Brent McLemore, who is the Assistant Director of Career Development. Handshake is a national platform (similar to Simplicity) that CAS is using. Students enter data and use filters that feed to jobs recommendations. Jobs can be added and Brent can add other site/listservs that have postings not currently posted on Handshake. Students take a survey for results. Universities and employers are responsible for closing the loop by posting if they hired the student.
 - B. BioInquiry: Discussion took place on the status as First Year Seminar (BIOL T121) would be open to all students. Is this a First Year Seminar or a core course? It is a First Year Seminar as long as students take it in their first year – fall or spring. A motion was made to maintain it as it is and to add – BioInquiry as a requirement for Bio majors, it satisfies student learning objectives as a FYS, and add an Honors section. The motion was seconded and it passes by a unanimous vote.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.