



INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

BIOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Time: 10:00 am-11:00am

Location: Virtual via WebEX

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Nathalie Dames/ Dr. Maloof

Recorder: Dr. Karen Burke

Attendees: Maloof, Jackson Moss, Nathalie Dames, LaToya Brown, Michelle Smith, Mitchell McKinney Patricia Cooley, Larona Gore, Morris Clarington, Sadia Ajohda, Sarah Osborn, Cynthia David, Sumanthy Joseph, Alaaeldin Mahmoud, Crystal Ivey, Brittany Cochran, Melissa Nikolic, Latonya Cullers, Kelly Rhoades, Lopa Agarwal, David Wortham, Chichi Nwankwo, Tiffiney Bean, Karen Burke, Tammie Henderson, Cindy Crabtree, Michael Mouat, Christine Yarbrough, Celeste Matthews, Brandon Robinson, Kenneth Watanabe, Dr. Rivas, Juanita Forrester, Jeannie Martin, Barry Bates, Stephen Saroli, Ejinkonye Anekwe, Sravanti Kantheti, Michele Strickland, Mitchell McKinney, Jarod D. Lynn, Marisa Wong, Erica Roberson, Dariana Rodriguez, Sherry Sturgis, Andrea Davis, Alvin Harmon, Bhavya Mathur, Curtis Wright, Deborah E. Miller, Will Burgan, Margaret Long, Shohana Huq, Saeideh Sadri, Shaista Tarannum, Kiofa Thomas, Soheir Rizk, April Murphy

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dames and Dr. Maloof.

All attendees introduced themselves; Dr. Maloof welcomed everyone.

The current officers were introduced by Dr. Maloof.

One point of contact was identified via chat for each college. The college point of contact (CPOC) will serve as a liaison between their respective regional chair and faculty on their campus to facilitate more efficient communications.

Dr. M. Rivas opened the floor for nominations for South-Regional Chair. Brandon Robinson was elected as South-Regional Chair.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Optimization of BIOL 2114/2114L Courses State Standards:

Each College was asked to obtain course descriptions, curriculum standards, or syllabi from colleges and universities both public and private within their service areas for BIOL 2114/BIOL2114L courses with the goal of ensuring that BIOL 2114/2114L course descriptions align with those of USG courses. Each point of contact is asked to submit any descriptions and standards for these courses to the regional chairs by Monday, September

5th, 2022, for discussion during the annual meeting. This project will consist of three phases- Phase 1-Data Collection, Phase 2-Compiled data will be compared to current TCSG State Standards, Phase 3- Vote on any amendments to wording of current state standards. This effort is borne out of concern that some USG colleges and universities may not accept courses taught at TCSG colleges

Questions and Best Practices:

KMS needs to be updated to reflect change from 2020.

Teaching materials will depend on the chosen text and college facilities.

Dr. Dames solicited the assistance of anyone who may have recent experience teaching high school biology.

Question-Should BIOL 1111 be accepted or required as a pre-requisite for BIOL 2117?

Question- Some USG schools will not accept virtual labs as of Spring 2022. The transcript does not reflect if classes are in person or virtual. How will labs be identified as virtual?

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Minutes Submitted By: Karen Burke 04/13/2022