

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2024
TSC 5004

Present: Lisa Hammersley, Tom Krabacher, Ron Coleman, Craig Timmons, Julie Griffin, Alex Pettitt, Justin Miller-Schulze, Michael Wright, Matthew Schmidlein, Lauren Perry, Erica Orcutt, Juwairiyah Khan.

Meeting called to order at 9:15am.

1. Approval of the agenda **Msc**
2. Approval of the minutes from March 5, 2024 **Msc**
3. Announcements:

Lisa Hammersley

- The last candidate for the ORIED AVP search dropped out so all candidate visits are completed.
- Outlook for Commencement at the G1 Center is looking good.

Julie Griffin

- The Geology Department will host the next NSM DEI eVENNt on April 22 with a rock painting session outside Placer Hall.

Michelle Williams

- Call for nominations for Academic Council as well as subcommittees reps whose terms are ending this semester will go out next week.

Richard Aguirre

- The SEE Awards Event is April 25 at 6pm at the Alumni Center.

4. Deans Award Criteria

- For the Deans Award, each department selects one outstanding student nominee from the list of eligible students and the NSM Awards and Scholarship committee is responsible for selecting the recipient. Some departments include a personal statement from the student and some do not which caused inequity when reviewing the nomination packets. The call from Student Affairs asks for a statement regarding the recipient, current transcripts, resume, and any other supporting materials. Departments can use whatever process they want for selecting the student, including a personal statement, but all nomination packets submitted to the Awards and Scholarship committee for the Deans Award selection should contain the same materials. While a statement from the student can be impactful and more compelling to be advanced to receiving the President's Award, it also adds more of a workload on the student. The statement letter from the department should be carefully crafted and include student's personal background, academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and future aspirations. Material submitted to the Awards and Scholarship committee for consideration for the Deans Award will include the statement from the department, resume and transcripts. msc

10:00am adjourn