

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 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 February 6, 2024 **Msc**
3. Announcements:

Lisa Hammersley

- ASI spring scholarship applications are open but as of yet, no students have applied. A Sac Send will be sent out to students as well as messaging to faculty & Chairs to help get the word out.
- Equipment call lists are due from departments on Friday Mar. 8.

Michael Wright

- There are three Provost search listening sessions scheduled for next week.

Ron Coleman

- The student research competition was last week. NSM presented 26 of the 70 talks. Winners TBD.
- At the last AITC meeting they announced that in one year the current phone system on campus is going to be obsolete. There were discussions about just not having a traditional phone system on campus anymore but that raises issues involving safety especially in lab spaces. EH&S and Risk Management will connect with the committee to discuss options.
- There has been more push to use AI so the campus is looking into licensing which came with a very high cost. There are also security concerns so everyone should be careful about what information they submit to AI systems.

Richard Aguirre

- The SEE Office is hosting a virtual networking event called SEE connect on March 12 at 5:30-7:30pm. Students will have an opportunity to meet with alumni and discuss their careers and educational paths. Info will be sent out to the Council.

Lauren Perry

- The Math Department will be hosting the next NSM DEI event on March 14 to celebrate Pi Day with pie and coffee on the patio outside Shasta Hall.

4. UARTP Update

- The UARTP committee voted on the revised NSM RTP document yesterday but the results have not been sent out yet. It is likely it was approved and will move to the

Provost for approval next. The changes for next year's review cycle include new timelines and distribution of files among the two committees which, for next year, will include 8 tenure/promotion to associate, 9 promotions to full and 12 retention reviews. In anticipation of the changes being approved, a call to all faculty can go out this semester for self-nominations for the review committee on which they would like to serve. The retention committee is a good opportunity for associate professors to perform service to the college as well as giving them a chance to see what faculty are doing in other departments.

5. Budget Planning/Outlook

- The campus is projecting a \$12.5M deficit which comes out to 5-6% of the campus budget overall. The Provost has tasked the Deans with coming up with ways to a 6% cut including personnel costs.

10:30am adjourn