



Center for Marine Science Fall Faculty Meeting
February 9, 2017 4:00pm
Minutes (48 attended)

1. Welcome (Posey, Dean Volety)
2. Discussion and feedback on Appendix C: Request to Establish a New Degree Program in Integrative Coastal Marine Science that is being prepared by ECU and UNCW for submission to UNC General Administration. Dean Vetter sent this to faculty on 12 November. The discussion will be led by the planning committee.
 - a. Concerns with ECU that Coastal Marine Sciences will go away
 - b. Need to submit proposal to GA by fall 2017
 - c. Meeting with faculty regarding Biology degree
 - d. Need to increase stipends for students; ECU gives \$24k stipend
 - e. Graduate School: new programs in que to begin Fall 2018
3. Discussion of upcoming self-study / strategic planning for coastal and marine sciences (Posey)
 - a. 64 faculty/staff involved in committee
 - b. Looking at Coastal Marine Science across departments
 - Objective: to identify general usage needs
 - c. Six area identified for study composition: Vision, Administrative, Facilities, Teaching, Research and Outreach
 - d. Timeline:
 - Jan-Mar complete self-study (overseen by FAC committee)
 - Apr-May invite external observers to review
 - July: implementation
 - e. Vision statement
 - Need input from faculty & staff
 - Send out email asking 3 questions
4. General updates (Posey except where otherwise noted)
 - a. Cluster hires (update from Dr. Webster)
 - 97 applications; close date Feb. 15, 2017

- Feb. 28th semi-finalist pool; goal to interview finalist by April 1.
 - Skype interview questions and scoring rubric approved
- b. Pilot projects
- FAC committee has reviewed proposals
 - 17 proposals submitted; 5 have been funded and notified; if money remain will fund other proposals
- c. Summary of research collaboratives discussions to date
- Second round: offshore, Marine Biotech, Estuaries, Aquaculture
 - Jennifer Dorton helping with proposal development and making contacts (65-70 faculty)
- d. International efforts
- e. Other updates and upcoming items / events / opportunities
- FISH 2.0: CIE sponsored event partnering with MBCOI
 - Workshops all year long beginning in March
 - Focus is on shellfish
 - Outreach & Communications: establish monthly news & updates; hope to establish and External Advisory Committee
 - Computer support interviews: 5 qualified applicants
 - CAS submitted Research vessel (\$4.5 million) as top priority; other ways of funding: donation, grants etc.
 - New Equipment and Facilities
 - New DNA sequencer: Freshwater is contact for assistance
 - Downstairs cold room are up and running
 - New Wetlab Facility; 1000sq ft complete by June 30, 2017
5. Time for general discussion: this is a chance for folks to bring up issues, provide general comments, and let others know of exciting happenings.
6. Adjourn. Catered social with refreshments.