

**Biological Science Student Fees Committee
Minutes for February 18, 2009**

Undergraduate Students Present:

Ben Capper
Andrew Fitanides
William Moorehead
Guy Shani
Christina Williams

Graduate Students Present:

Jonathan Henzel - non voting
Anniken Lydon
Nick Nesbitt - non voting
Sam Rankin
Carlos Torres
Johanna Weston

Faculty Present:

Dr. Chris Kitts
Dr. Mark Moline

The February 18, 2009 BIO – Student Fees Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Minutes

The 02/21/2009 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Several corrections and changes were made to the Minutes before being approved.

Class Field Trips Budget Item

In the previous meeting, SFC discussed the Budget for Class Field Trips and the need for more equal allocation of the funds. It was decided faculty requesting funds for class field trips need to propose a budget in advance, much like the current equipment list. The details of an acceptable proposal were discussed during this meeting.

Questions debated this meeting were: whether to fund student travel to extended classroom courses, do students outside of the Biology Department has access to funds, should a cap be placed on proposals, and should funds be allocated in proportion to the number of Biology Majors in the class? Answers to these questions were not formally approved, but there was overall agreement on these issues. Students taking the class and completing outside class research can be reimbursed for travel through their individual College Based Fee \$1000 allotment. Students outside of the Biology Department cannot receive Biology College Based Fee Funds. There was a further consensus to approve

proposals on a case-by-case basis. The future Class Field Trip Budget will become clearer when Dean Bailey provides a tentative BIO CBF Budget Amount for 2009-2010.

Brainstorming for 2009-2010 BIO CBF Budget

The Provost has proposed a three-year stepwise College Base Fee increase. This potentially leaves the BIO CBF with a small budget for the next two years. Currently, this year's budget is \$380,000. During this section of the meeting we brainstormed possible budget scenarios this coming year.

	Current Budget	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Undergrad Research	30,000	20,000	20,000
Grad Research	30,000	20,000	20,000
Equipment	230,000	-	30,000
Computer Lab	15,000	10,000	10,000
Class Field Trips	20,000	-	-
Class Supplies	10,000	-	10,000
Collections	10,000	-	10,000
Faculty Interaction	35,000	-	-
Total	380,000	50,000	100,000

There was motion to accept these tentative budgets. The motion was accepted. Dr. Mark Moline is going to ask Dean Bailey for a budget estimate. This budget estimate will be decided whether to decide if faculty need to submit equipment and class field trip proposals for next year.

Adjournment

The February 18, 2009 BIO-SFC Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.