Minutes -April 11th, 2016- CSM Senate Meeting

Date: Monday, April 11th, 2016  
Time: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Location: CSM Dean's Office Conference Room

Members in attendance:
Catalin Zara, Mathematics, Chair  
Rahul Kulkarni, Physics  
Robert Stevenson, Biology  
Jason Green, Chemistry  
Walter Buchwald (for Ping Chen), Engineering  
Wei Ding, Computer Science

Members absent:
Meng Zhou, SfE  
Manickam Sugumaran, Biology

Others in attendance:
Andrew Grosovsky, Dean, CSM

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.

1. Approval of the March 7, 2016 meeting minutes.
   A motion to approve the March 7, 2016 meeting minutes was seconded and approved unanimously.

   Dean Grosovsky joined the meeting.

2. Announcements
   Dean Grosovsky provided updates regarding the budget situation and input from deliberations of the Budget Committee.

   Walter Buchwald joined the meeting at 3:00 pm.
   Dean Grosovsky left the meeting at 3:30 pm.

3. New business

3a. Addition of BIOL 377 - Topics in Cancer Biology.
    **Motion:** To pre-approve the addition of BIOL 377 - Topics in Cancer Biology.
    **Rationale:** No other Biology course currently focuses entirely on Cancer Biology. Cancer Biology is an important topic for students entering careers in the Life Sciences, and this course will provide a comprehensive presentation of the subject.

    A motion to pre-approve the addition of BIOL 377 was seconded and approved unanimously.
    The proposal will be sent to the Academic Affairs Committee.
Items 3b and 3c were considered together.

3b. **Addition of BIOL 390 - Survey of Human Physiology.**
   **Motion:** To pre-approve the addition of BIOL 390 - Survey of Human Physiology.
   **Rationale:** To allow students to gain a full understanding on how the human body functions under both normal and disease states.

3c. **Addition of BIOL 391 - Survey of Human Physiology Lab.**
   **Motion:** To pre-approve the addition of BIOL 391 - Survey of Human Physiology Lab.
   **Rationale:** To allow students to gain a full understanding on how the human body functions under normal conditions by acquiring physiological data on themselves and classmates.
   The need for this course as a 300 level elective was discussed. Clarifications regarding a discussion section for the course were requested and a suggestion regarding presentation of the prerequisites was made. A motion to pre-approve the addition of BIOL 390 and BIOL 391, conditional on the changes requested, was seconded and approved unanimously. The proposals will be sent to the Academic Affairs Committee.

3d. **Revision of charges of joint CSM-CLA subcommittees.**
   **Motion:**
   **Rationale:** CLA revised their by-laws, including the charges of the joint CSM-CLA subcommittees: Academic Affairs (AAC), Majors, Honors, and Special Programs (MHSP), and Standards and Credits (S&C).
   A discussion regarding the revision of charges and the composition of joint CSM-CLA subcommittees was initiated. It was suggested that some of the sub-committees could be CSM-only committees, which would require additional representation from CSM faculty.

3e. Nominations for CSM representatives on joint CSM-CLA subcommittees.
   A discussion regarding nominations for CSM representatives was initiated and will continue at future meetings.

4. **Other business**
   There were no other business items.

5. **Adjourn**
   The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.