## **Division of Natural Science Chemistry Department Meeting**

September 23, 2021, 1:15pm Zoom

## **MINUTES**

Present: A. Grant, R. Turner, M. Abbani, T. Moore, S. Cook, M. Jimenez, R. Shibao, L. Saldarriaga, P. Doucette, A. Tontcheva, S. Potter

- A. SLO Progress: Done with SLOs for this semester.
- B. Planning: November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Some items were purchased by technicians. For items less than \$5K, include those, or order additional items to reach \$5K. I'm in consultation with Fiscal regarding our dysfunctional planning process.
- C. Winter/Spring—It's expected (hoped) that there will be no social distancing.
- D. Question from Counseling: Can an AP Chem score of 3 let students skip Chem-4/placement test? T. Moore asked, "What do CSU/UCs do with AP Chem Scores?" A. Grant will investigate and report back.
- E. Ventilation upgrade—in engineering/bidding process.
- F. Lab-Lecture Parity Committee—F'21 due date in 10/15/21.
- G. Reemployment Priority List (RPL)—expertise question.

  T. Moore pointed out that the chemistry department will discuss the expertise question on a case-by-case basis if needed. The major concern is that faculty on the RPL should be given a class if possible.
- H. Division Load Committee to convene. Eyal is our AFT rep and he'll conduct the election for reps.
- I. Biotechnology Instrument Room—Chem-158 (The Onizuka Room) might be an option as long as there is storage space for the Onizuka supplies elsewhere. T. Moore pointed out that we should check the electrical capacity and ventilation in that room. Another possibility is that the Chem-153 instrumentation room be shared between chemistry and biotech, but there may be issues with access since Chem-7A/7B/21B use that room extensively. A. Grant will send a q
- J. T. Moore recommended that faculty check over their contracts carefully. He offered to help faculty with contract questions.