

**Division of Natural Science  
Chemistry Department Meeting**

May 6, 2021, 1pm

Zoom

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**MINUTES**

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

- A. ITS has informed us that we will likely need to go down to one computer lab in the division. The decision about Chem-108 or LS-134 hasn't been made yet.
- B. Program Review for Chemistry has been pushed to Fall 2022. Training will be coming on any new requirements. Note that student surveys will not longer be required.
- C. I have a walk-through of our facilities with environmental consultants regarding in-person fall labs. I will report out about important information.
- D. For Planning, the minimum request will be \$5K going forward. Please note that Ann bought the dispenser bottles and a portion of the heating mantles that were requested last time.
- E. Facilities will upgrade the ventilation in the entire division. That will cost >\$6 million, and should take a year to complete. They have also spent \$1.8 million to install HEPA air filters and uv lights in the vents.
- F. Counseling would like to know if Chem-4 from other institutions can be accepted for the prereq for Chem-1A. A poll of the department indicates that yes, the Chem-4 equivalent will now be accepted from other schools for the Chem-1A prerequisite. Amy will alert Counseling of the change.