

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Attendees

Members present: F. Bloetscher, E. Williams, E. Bennett, L. Chiang-Hanisko, D. Mitsova, E. Duboue, D. Chamely-Wiik, and D. Meeroff

Others present: J. Krill, P. Sampedro, and J. Soberon

Interim Chair: E. Bennett

I. Approve August 31, 2023 - meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and E. Duboue all in favor.

DCW gave a background on the RI courses approved and the percentage of the assignment applied to the Research project. Forty percent of the course grade should be tied to the RI project. The majority of courses approved for RI designation complied with this requirement.

II. Courses submitted for RI Designation

- a. FAUHS/HON - J. Krill PCB 4832C RI: Honors Neurophysiology
- b. FAUHS/SCI J. Krill PCB 4054C RI: Honors Drosophila Genes and Behavior

Committee feedback for both courses:

- i. Break the lab reports to indicate what portion applies to the RI project.
DCW: there is a distinction between RI and skill building. Lab work is more skill building
- ii. Connect the learning outcomes to the assignment indicating percentage on each of the SLO's.
- iii. Include Lit. review
- iv. Final manuscript and poster should be part of the 40%

Dean Meeroff shared a matrix that showed what percentage of the project is tied to each of the 6 SLO's, this will facilitate assessment of the RI project.

RI assessment matrix will be added to the RI website and the CANVAS RI course.

Committee did not vote on the above courses until syllabi are updated with the following recommendations:

Use D. Meeroff shared matrix to provide additional information to align each SLO to the RI project and update grade scale to show minimum 40% of the grade tied to the RI project.

The RI course approved in the past meeting PCB 4054C RI: Drosophila Genes and Behavior will be postpone until November Steering meeting. Dr. Krill will provide syllabus with updated grade scale.

Motion to postpone: F. Bloetscher and E. Duboue

III. Review Canvas modules for RI courses update for instructors who will be teaching who may not have been the original author.

- i. DCW will send RI CANVAS course link for feedback

Meeting adjourned: 1:45 pm