

BAAS Departmental Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2014

Present: Grady Price Blount, Misty Lair, Annette Taggart, Tina Lancaster, Theresa Sadler

1. Members introduced themselves and gave backgrounds as a means of getting to know one another.
2. Grady explained the mission of the College of Science, Engineering and Agriculture as “Innovation and Discovery,” and challenged the group to re-work the BAAS mission statement to support that mission statement.
3. Grady asked Tina Lancaster to get the BAAS website up to date.
4. Grady also mentioned the Ontology group that he works with and mentioned that in their discussions an interdisciplinary computer science course is being discussed, such as “Frontiers in Computer Science” or a title having to do with Information Technology. He asked the group to be thinking about this course.
5. Grady explained that we have been charged with re-working the curriculum to maximize funding for the science sub-codes. Within that discussion, however, we are to develop the curriculum to the needs of our students. To that end, we are charged with developing a survey of our current students and one for our graduates to determine ‘who our audience is.’ We will use survey monkey and Grady will find out if an IRB is needed. We will bring our brain-storm list of questions to the department meeting next week. This needs to be done quickly, as curriculum changes need to be requested in September.
6. As soon as we have the data from the surveys, we can then ‘let our students’ define our mission.
7. We discussed the importance of Misty continuing to advise and recruit for this program.
8. Grady asked that these meeting minutes be sent to Kay Parrish for posting on the College website.
9. Grady discussed our office space in the AG/IT building, on the 2nd floor. He also said that our computers and phones will go with us to the new offices. We are to make a list of anything else that we need.
10. Misty will provide a link to the BAAS shared drive.
11. The departmental meetings will continue on Mondays at 11 a.m.