

Minutes

PALS Faculty meeting, November 11, 2005, 2 PM

PRESENT: Bala, E. Billiot, F. Billiot, G.P. Blount, K.P. Blount, Cammarata, Chopin, Fox, Grise, Hickman, Larkin, Lehman, Loter, MacDonald, Mott, Moury, Naehr, Overath, Silliman, Smith-Engle, Southard, Strychar, Thompson, Waldbeser

1) Announcements:

- Mandatory (for drivers) Cart Training: November 15, 2 PM, NRC 1101
- Changes to lab or field trip fees? See Grady.
- REM: Grades for graduating students due on Tuesday, 12/13.
- Do you have your student evaluation forms? If not, check with Estela.
- Reminder for Coordinators: Make sure adjuncts know that they cannot be present during evaluation administration.
- Island Days tomorrow!!!

2) Program Announcements and Updates? Program Review status?

3) Computer inventory and ordering (Patrick). <http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/pals/Inventory/>

4) Spring TA selection (Lillian). **Lillian will hold a spring TA selection meeting on 11/21.**

5) Funding news: HEF, \$106,530 allocated (\$1,455,846 requested)
TDRF: \$269,000 in individual funding
TRDF: \$145,000 for startup funding.....\$414,600 total for PALS
No news on two new vehicles requested
No news on BAT
No news on Dean search.

6) Near-term schedule: Grady to spend mornings at Graduate Studies and Research Office through January. **Grady commented that it is professional courtesy for persons in appointed positions to offer their resignations when the new appointer comes aboard. Hence, he will be offering his when the new dean arrives. He specifically mentioned the college reorganization meetings and urged faculty not to make permanent decisions on department structure based on his presence (or lack thereof).**

7) New class submissions: BIMS 4590, [Professional Practice in Forensics](#) (Moury)
BIMS 3103, [Forensics lab](#) (Thompson)

The follow-on course to Intro Forensics was approved on a motion by Loter and second by Fox with one abstention. Christie then presented a new lab section for forensics. It was also approved with one abstention.

8) New Business?

9) Adjourn to Babe Schwartz talk in NRC-1003 at 3 PM.