



**Shoreline Community College**  
16101 Greenwood Avenue North  
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## **Biotech Advisory Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 15, 2015, 3:30pm  
Board Room, 1000 bldg.

### **Meeting Attendees:**

Pamela Gee-Oliver: Bio-Rad Laboratories  
Guy Hamilton: SCC  
Dina Kovarik: SCC  
James Trager: Dendreon  
Reitha Weeks: SCC Camps  
Kelly Griffin: SCC (Note-taker)

### **1. Approve Minutes from December 1, 2014 meeting**

Minutes approved as amended. Pamela was in attendance at the last meeting.

### **2. Introduction of new program chair, Dina Kovarik**

Guy is the new interim Dean for the Science Division and he introduced Dina Kovarik as the new program Chair. Dina gave introductory comments about her science background.

### **3. Updates**

#### **a. Amgen Grant**

Dina reported there were a total of 53 new teachers and 19 veteran teachers.

Guy said the 8-year Amgen grant is concluding but the sunset funding for two years will allow for opportunity to focus more on the demographics of SCC students in Shoreline, Bothell, Lynnwood, etc., to keep those relationships strong.

#### **b. Project Biotech Camps**

Biotech Summer Camp #1, June 22-26, Introduction to Biotech

Biotech Summer Camp #2, July 6-10, Biotechnology & Human Health

There are 8 sponsors this year, covering \$11,000.

Camp #1 has 18 students registered. Camp #2 is full at 24 registrants with a wait list.

Three or four of the students are registered to attend both of the camps.

50% of the Biotechnology & Human Health campers are 2014 camp alumni

#### **c. Partner Participation**

Genome Science Center – two weeks on yeast.

Application for NSF grant – due at the end of October.

#### **d. 2015-2016 Applicants**

There are 22 applicants for the program; 12 are already enrolled for Fall (max. 16-18).

#### 4. Internships

- 2 at FHCRC
- 1 on a project with work (Seattle Children's)
- 1 at Xactagen
- 1 at SNBL
- 1 at Center for Infectious Disease Research
- 1 at UW
- 2 unknown

Guy mentioned that the Seminar class helps students focus and then move in a direction.

#### 5. Curriculum Changes for 2015-16

Dina listed some potential curriculum changes/considerations she is working on.

- Development of an end of program survey; it has been 5-7 years since short courses were added. (Make sure that students are getting all of the skills they need to be competitive in current job market.)
- Review courses to see if they are in a good order.
- Consider if bioinformatics needs more than five weeks and/or if an advanced one is possible.
- Try some new curriculum.
- Have a two-three hour meeting such as an off-site retreat / working group to go over courses (see #6 below).

#### 6. Focus Group/Study Section to Analyze Course Outcomes and Competencies

Discussion about having a focus group around the first week of October. Include a group of about 8-10 staff and scientists in the community and a couple of graduates from the program. Preparation materials might include two pages from each participant. Steve mentioned materials could include hopes for the graduates; description of courses and how they are laid out; as well as where students are working. Guy mentioned the event as an opportunity to target 5-7 new people for the advisory board.

#### 8. Next meeting

There was discussion about the Fall meeting; anticipate it being in October at Dendreon with a follow up meeting in December if needed. Steve said he can sponsor bagels.

Adjourned at 4:55p.

Minutes taken by Kelly Griffin