

School of Natural Science and Mathematics Meeting Minutes – 11/21/2006

- I. Dean Chikwem opened meeting by welcoming everyone.
- II. Minutes adopted with one change. The \$500,000 grant to physics department from NNSA and not from NSF.
- III. Announcement of Science Conference to be held on March 17, 2007.
- IV. Report on Science Fair.

Dr. Swinton reported on the NEA day, that it was held successfully. The turn out for the Science Fair poster session was not as expected due to a conflict in dates as there were other conferences which some of the students attended. Dr. Swinton encouraged participation of more faculty in administration of duties of the Science Fair.

Dr. Swinton also announced that there are funds for student and faculty summer research programs through NEA.

Dean Chikwem thanked faculty for donating to the Science Fair prizes.

Dr. Royer suggested that the NEA funds availability be announced formally (?)
- V. School Journal.

Dean asked Dr. Royer to report on the progress of the school Journal.

Dr. Royer announced that so far three articles have been submitted. Welcomes student submissions. There were good posters during the Science Fair that could be turned into papers.

Dean Chikwem: we need about twenty articles to have the journal profitable. He also suggested that January 2007 be the deadline for article submission. The ISBN # has yet to be obtained.
- VI. Penn State Issues.

Dean Chikwem announced that Penn State came with a large contingent to meet with us. There are a set of things that can be done, e.g. we could invite them to talk about various issues.

Dr. Swinton suggested that the visits be institutionalized instead of just having departments do it/them. Dr. Swinton volunteered to take the lead on this. It was also suggested that we should have a seminar on emerging diseases. This can generate ideas on how all of us can tackle this. February 9th was suggested as a possible date.

If anyone has instrumentation issues, ideas about writing grants across the board, there is a liaison person who will handle the process.
- VII. Christmas Party.

The question was whether one should be held? There will be no monetary contributions and students can be invited. Potential dates were discussed and Monday 11, 1:30 –3:00 pm was chosen.

VIII. Book Orders.

Dean Chikwem reminded people to submit their book orders.

IX. Election of New Secretary.

Dr. Baskerville volunteered to be the secretary.

X. Announcements.

Professor Barimani announced that he has had no response so far with regard to the questions posed about the new Science building.

Dean Chikwem announced that ground breaking for new Science building is not going to be until next March. Dean is not sure if the building will be ready by 2008.

Questions came up about the move to another temporary place before building is complete...

Dean: If there is something you want to see in the new building, tell Prof. Barimani.

Meeting adjourned.