

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1:30 pm Friday 12 February 2016

Stewart Biology Building W4/12

ATTENDANCE

Academic Staff: G. Bell, L. Chapman, D. Dankort, J. Davies, J. Dent, M. Hendricks, R. Krahe, P. Lasko, L. Nilson, R. Reyes-Lamothe, R. Roy, F. Schöck, J. Vogel, A. Watt, M. Zetka

Graduate Students: S. Pradhan, K. Shaw

Department: N. Nelson, C. Smith, L. Testa

The next regular assembly meeting will take place later in the semester. This assembly is to receive the report of the selection committee for the hiring in neurobiology.

Recommendation from the Neurobiology Search Committee – J. Dent

We interviewed 4 candidates for the search in the neural basis of behaviour; Jessica Cande, Pavan Ramdya, Andrew Seeds and Tomoko Oyama. The search committee met earlier this week to decide on who we should make offers to. The decision was made by the committee that we first offer to Tomoko Oyama; if she refuses we would then offer to Andrew Seeds. We decided to decline offers to Pavan Ramdya and Jessica Cande. If Tomoko Oyama and Andrew Seeds do not accept our offers, we will go back to the long list and choose another candidate.

Pavan Ramdya and Jessica Cande were essentially excluded for the same reasons, although the specifics were different. We were concerned about the development of their research program and its future. There were also issues around collegiality.

Tomoko Oyama and Andrew Seeds both scored high on collegiality and research that was of primary interest to the neuro group. The neuro group was strongly in favor of these 2 candidates in terms of the neuro group's ability to interact and collaborate with these individuals and integrate them into the group.

Motion to offer first to Tomoko Oyama, then to Andrew Seeds, then go to the long list - J. Dent

Motion to approve: D. Dankort

Seconded by: M. Hendricks

Voting on Motion: All in favor (with one faculty member abstaining). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.