



CONSEIL DE LA SECTION DE BIOLOGIE

Procès-verbal de la séance du 18 mars 2022 à 13h00

Présents : Mesdames, E. Nagoshi, O. Barabas
Corps professoral
Mesdames E. Demarsy, A. Tzika
Corps des collaborateurs/trices de l'enseignement et de la recherche
Mesdames K. Cornelisse, L. Estebe
Corps étudiantin
Monsieur G. Loichot
Corps du personnel administratif et technique

Assistant à la séance : Monsieur M. Milinkovitch, président de la Section de biologie
Mesdame F. Stutz, vice-présidente, A. Bellier, conseillère académique, G. Wharton, administratrice

Excusé-es : Madame T. Fitzpatrick,
Monsieur F. Steiner

Absent :

Ordre du jour :

GW introduces herself as the MC for this session as this is the first session for this new Committee. Also, the session is held in English to allow all members to fully understand the proceedings.

1. Approbation du procès-verbal de la séance du 4 juin 2021

Most of the committee members are new – however, as the minutes are short and straightforward – the minutes are approved unanimously

2. Election du/de la Présidente du Conseil (art. 6 du règlement d'organisation de la Section de biologie)

Ms Athanasia Tzika offers to take the role of president. The proposition is approved unanimously.

Note : As the President of the Division, M. Milinkovitch, is related to Ms Tzika, to avoid a conflict of interest, it has been decided (after the session) to delegate the Presidency representation to the vice-president, Ms Stutz.

3. Présentation et approbation des changements du Règlement d'organisation de la Section de biologie

GW presents the changes:

- The merge between the Cellular and Molecular department into a single Molecular and Cellular biology department (already approved in the Faculty's regulations)

- The potential addition of a Vice-director to a department
- The name change of the Botany and Plant biology department to Department of Plant sciences (the acronym BIVEG remains unchanged)

The acronym remains unchanged to avoid a great number of changes in the financial department's chart of account.

Vote: approved unanimously

4. Présentation et approbation des changements du Règlement Master (de 90 à 120 crédits)

AB presents the changes to the [new Master](#) - a couple of changes or checks are suggested:

- Having a total of 60 credits only with courses, practicals etc... is not sufficient to be promoted to the second year. It should be explicitly stated that the 'pre-stage' is compulsory.
- Check the rule regarding the maximum semesters allowed and if these should be consecutive or not.

Vote: approved unanimously including any minor changes

5. Présentation et approbation des nouveaux statuts de l'Association des Etudiant-es en Biologie

The changes are presented in [the document](#). A couple of changes are suggested:

- Such as following the UNIGE inclusive writing standards
- Stating the minimum number of members needed to take a decision (quorum)
- Clarify the Committee structure - presidency

Vote: approved unanimously including any minor changes

6. Divers

The AEB wanted to clarify the lectures recording requirements. MM explained that recording a course was not compulsory anymore. Any other means – notes, presentations, electronic or on paper – could be used by professors as an alternate option. Professors were reluctant to provide recorded courses on a regular basis for the following main reasons:

- Not being able to totally be “natural” as they are being recorded
- Missing the interaction with the students – not being able to “read the room”, to see if the topic is really understood or not.

However, professors should be open to specific recording requests to accommodate personal situations and if the AEB hears about a student(s) having problems reaching out to a professor(s), MM suggests contacting Audrey Bellier, the “Conseillère aux études” in biology to help resolve the situation.

The other members of the ‘Conseil de la Section de Biologie’ who teach agreed with these observations and suggestions.