COSAM Accountability 4-24-2023

Physics – Melissa Halford

* Trying to find a new DEI committee chair but no replacement has come forward
  + New faculty are worried about being overloaded and are hesitant to commit

Math – Claire Zhang (for Melinda Lanius)

* Science Olympiad was this weekend. We volunteered and it went well.
* Francis Su spoke at a colloquium – really great talk!
  + Attendance was 30-40

Chemistry – David Crisostomo

* First undergraduate research fair held by ACS
* Science Olympiad involvement
* Young Chemists Committee picnic this Friday

Student Services – Eric Hall

* COSAM Signing Day just happened celebrating students’ postgrad achievements (graduate or professional school acceptances, industry job offers)
  + Attendance doubled compared to last fall
* Sophomore boot camp happening May 8 – 72 registered so far, 90~ spots available total
* CWE is coming
  + Expecting departments, outreach, OIED for browse session on those days
* Freshman Kickoff and Welcome Week in August
* To discuss events calendar integration for COSAM with Mary Lou in Outreach

Geosciences – David Brink-Roby

* No meeting this month BUT working on conflict resolution language
  + Still wondering about how faculty conflict of interest factors into this doc; grad student heavy so far
* Graduate Student Forum happened
  + Half of the concerns will be addressed in the conflict res document
* Graduate Student survey is circulating as well

Biological Sciences – Courtney Leisner

* Moises Bernal will be attending for DBS when she transitions out of Auburn
* Djibo Zanzot will be new DBS DEI chair
* Graduate student survey - originally for international students but now for everyone
  + Still collecting responses
* Undergrad outreach – recruiting middle/high school students into COSAM
* Climate survey (faculty, staff, students) modeled after chemistry

Outreach – Jessica Gilpin

* State Science and Engineering Fair – went well; great faculty and grad student involvement
* State Science Olympiad – went well; great faculty and grad student involvement
* How can we make our calendars talk to each other so we don’t have too many events at the same time? What are the signature events for each department?

OIED – Edward Wiggins

* Spring Into Science
* COSAM Carnival
* Conflict of Interest document
* 21st Century Science (June 9 and 15 1-4 PM)
* Discussion about piloting a DEI Certificate