Executive Committee Minutes
February 24, 2021
10am

Members present: Franck Dayan, Amy Charkowski, John McKay, Cini Brown, Cris Argueso, Andrew Norton, Todd Gaines

**Agenda Item 1:** Approved minutes from January meeting

**Agenda Item 2:** Refining our hiring plan for 2022

Ada Szczepaniec, the new tenure-track faculty member in Horticultural Entomology is starting March 1. There are 14 applicants for the Pesticide Safety Educator position; 12 of whom met the minimum qualifications. A discussion ensued about the teaching component of this position. It was clarified that the class, Fundamentals of Pesticides is specifically mentioned in the job posting.

The committee also discussed the undergraduate classes which will be taught in the fall. The exact classes being taught will depend on how many students we end up having. Currently, there are about ten. Incorporating DEI content into the new major was also discussed.

Plan for teaching entomology courses: Discussion about hiring a lecturer for 303A and 445, and whether they would curate museum as well.

**Agenda Item 3:** Administrative Professional member for Awards committee

The department code states that the department head appoints this member, in consultation with the Executive Committee.

**Agenda Item 4:** Items from the Floor

a. Andrew Norton: question about mental health resources available to department
b. Amy Charkowski: Reminder of steps still needed for completing Vamsi’s Midpoint evaluation.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.*