

Executive Committee Minutes

Zoom Call

10/17/2022

The Executive Committee met via Zoom on October 17, 2022 at 9am Central.

Vivian Negrón Ortiz, Melanie Link-Perez, Brenda Molano-Flores, Michael Donoghue, Heather Cacanindin and Catrina Adams are present.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the previously discussed issues with the leadership of the Botany and Beyond: PLANTS III grant and leadership and personnel issues taking place.

At 9:01 am Michael Donoghue moved and Brenda Molano-Flores seconded the motion to move into executive session to discuss sensitive personnel issues related to the Botany and Beyond: PLANTS III grant.

At 10:10 am the Executive Committee came out of executive session.

The Executive Committee unanimously supports pursuing the possibility of a subaward with Central Michigan University for the Inclusive Teaching and Science Identity workshop portions of the Botany & Beyond grant. Some funds for administration/coordination would go to CMU as well. In this solution, BSA would retain control over the PLANTS program part of the Botany & Beyond grant and some of the funding for administration costs to run that program. The Program Coordinator position at BSA would no longer be funded through the grant. The Executive Committee also endorses the idea of using a mediator or facilitator to negotiate the subaward with CMU and the CoPIs as well as inviting Ann Sakai to continue working with us on the PLANTS program.

Meeting concludes at 10:15 am.