

**Biological Sciences Department**  
**Third Faculty Meeting of Fall 2017**  
**12:45pm-1:40pm, Robert A.Pritzker Science Center Room 131**  
**Thursday 14 September 2017**

*Draft Agenda*

1. Announcements

- We have sent to the Faculty Council Chair our nominations of Tom Irving and David McCormick as potential members of the Search Committee for the COS Dean.
- Joseph Orgel has met twice with Liz Friedman to flesh out the plan for recruiting students in India
- Tanya Bekyarova and Andy Howard are finalizing the scheduling plans for spring 2018 courses now. The draft schedule will go out next week.
- Sandra and Andy Howard will hold an Open House for faculty and families on Sunday 29 October from 2pm to 7pm at their home, 4154A W Berteau Ave, Chicago.

2. [Course and Teaching Peer Review Committee](#)

This group will be more effective if it's officially chartered and has a defined [mission](#). We also need to discuss how wide a distribution these reports should get. Clearly the committee itself, the chair, and the instructor being reviewed will see the report; who else will? Should that be up to the individual being reviewed? Should the report potentially have multiple sections, some of which are visible to a broader audience and others not?

3. [Master of Science in the Health Professions](#)

General Discussion of Enrollment Numbers, Policies, and Its Future

4. University Faculty Council and Graduate Studies Committee business

5. Webster lecture for Spring 2018

Should we shift the Webster lecture to fall, and, if so, should we make the shift now or one year later. If we're going to hold one in S18, we need nominees soon.

6. Senior Lecturer Hire

Should we endorse this hire, and if so, is this [advertisement](#) suitable?

7. Medical Ethics Course

Kathryn Spink has assembled a [course description](#) for the 1-semester-hour Medical Ethics course, and Ankit Mehta has agreed to teach it. Decisions needed: (a) Should we offer this at all; (b) Should we offer it in S18?; (c) Should Dr. Mehta be invited to teach it?

8. New Business