

## Virtual Department Meeting for 10-30-14

### Happy Almost-Halloween!

- The student clubs for Bio and Chem are co-hosting a party from 3-4 pm tomorrow in 356!
- Mary W will lead a group of us around RMS and RNS handing out candy – she should be sending out details on where/when to meet...
- **IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CANDY TO HAND OUT!**

### Fall Technology Requests due TOMORROW!

Thank you to Charles who is again handling this process!

### Advising and Registration:

- Please do let Jean know if any registration problems arise!
- I met with Cheryl LaCroix this week to talk about advising loads in Biology with respect to the large number of first-year and sophomore students wanting to switch advisors to one of us biologists. Here are some take-home points:
  - Please be reassured that you are not required to carry an advising load of more than 20 students.
  - However, with over 400 students majoring in or interested in majoring in Biology in any given academic year, we'd all have an advising load of 25 students (assuming 16 faculty all advising ONLY biology students). So...
  - Cheryl is gathering a pool of non-science faculty who are interested in advising science majors (yes, they exist!); Jean will work with Cheryl to make sure these faculty are confident science student advisors.
  - You are allowed to carry an advising load of more than 20 students if you so choose.

### Seminars and Events

- Grad school seminar on Monday Nov 3 – thanks to our organizer and faculty participants!
- No department meeting on Friday Nov 7
- Take a look at the seminar google doc for upcoming seminars and events (November has a lot of opportunities!):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Aq7vwfYef2VCdFIKeHdsVE9oNXExtjF4cmxKNm9lNVE&usp=sharing>

