

University of Washington
Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session
Friday, October 1, 2010 – 2:30pm, 111 Johnson Hall

Department Chair Robert Winglee called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of 05/07/10 Open Session minutes

The draft minutes were circulated for review and no revisions were received. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by the quorum of faculty present.

Meeting synopsis:

1. Announcements
2. Reports and Business
3. New Business
4. Old Business
5. Adjournment

1. Announcements

- Katie Atakturk representing the Geoclub discussed plans for Geoclub this year including a possible spring break trip to Utah. A call was made for potential faculty/grad student participation for this trip.
- A presentation of “How to Apply to Graduate School” by Prof. Bruce Nelson will be held on Oct. 12
- Department newsletter will be launch sometime in Fall – stories needed.
- Calls for future Exploration Seminars is presently out.

2. Reports and Business

- *Undergraduate Program* – ESS211 hit record, 84 students, 30% increase
Number of possible causes: moving to CoE, Nichols recruiting, new major requirements, and less general classes offered. ESS212 will need another lab section, cannot have more than 26, Nathan and Olivier will work on it.
- *Graduate Program* – Surge in grad students, from 70ish to 88, desks are full
- *Admissions* – Nothing to report.
- *Computing* – Nothing to report.
- *Curriculum* – was charged with doing a full evaluation of the prelim process. Booker is retiring, and without replacement faculty running of ESS 494 in its present form will be difficult. Committee will make recommendations on how to proceed this qtr. Peter Ward noted that Biology has created a minor in paleontology with a summer field component.
- *Development* – nothing to report.
- *Oversight* – Nothing to report

- Prelim Committee – happened on September 24, 27, and 28th. Executive committee will discuss results
- Promotion, Reappointment and Merit – Nothing to report.
- Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards – Nothing to report.

3. New Business

- Budget cuts - UW getting a 6.3% cut, unsure how this will affect the department. Unlike prior cuts there will be no tuition increase to soften it – amounts to about \$180k cut. Means cutting TA's, faculty or staff cuts. A suggestion of more faculty buyout was made, though this would impact the number of classes we could teach. Agreed form a subcommittee that included the executive committee to evaluate the best ways to make the proposed cuts.

4. Old business

- 10-yr report is due Nov 1 at the graduate school. A summary of the self study was made, including statistics of FTEs, grants and contracts, student credit hours, and age demographics.
- The status of Masters in Applied Earth Sciences, option was discussed including findings of the market survey that was e-mailed to the faculty prior to the faculty meeting. A need to find a lead on the program was cited as critical to moving forward with the program

5. Adjournment

The open session adjourned to the Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes by Nathan Briley
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Present:

Faculty: Bandfield, Booker, Brown, Catling, Creager, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, Montgomery, Nittrouer, Odom, Swanson, Stone, Vidale, Waddington, Ward, Warren, Winglee (Chair), Wood

Staff: Briley, Gray