

University of Washington
Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session
Friday, January 6th, 2012 – 3:30pm, 175 Johnson Hall

Department Chair Robert Winglee called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of 12/02/11 Open Session minutes

The draft minutes were circulated for review and were approved.

Meeting synopsis:

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

1. Announcements

- The ESS Gala will be held March 29-30, and faculty working with undergrads should encourage them to participate. They could also use more faculty judges. If you have questions please contact essgala@ess.washington.edu.
- We are still having issues with getting JHN rooms, but have been working with time schedule to make sure our priority is correctly considered.
- Commencement will be Saturday at 9:00am. Darrel Cowan nominated West Ward, who got his graduate degree here and spend 33 years with the USGS. The faculty unanimously approved this invitation, and Winglee requested additional nominations for either next year or if West Ward is unable to attend.
- An announcement was made concerning using personal vehicles for university business. Unless your insurance allows business use you will not be covered, so please double check.
- The first day of Autumn 2012 has been moved to Monday, Sept. 24th.
- Candidate meal reimbursement has been increased to \$30 per faculty/student including tip, and still does not cover alcohol.
- We need to get a strategic plan submitted, so retreat write ups need to be in by Jan 12.
- If you know of someone who should be considered for a national organization (ie AGU Fellows) you should nominate them. This increases both the department and their personal recognition and should be done for deserving faculty.
- The Geodesy search ad was approved at the Assistant/Associate level and will be posted shortly.
- Stole designs are going out for a vote to both undergrads and the faculty.

2. Reports and Business

- *Undergraduate Program* – Nothing to report
- *Graduate Program* – Nothing to report
- *Admissions* – Admissions stressed the need to get recruitment data in ASAP if people would like to recruit students.
A question was raised on how TA assignments were distributed. Winglee explained ~16 TA assignments are given out per quarter, with priority given to underfunded faculty who do not already have TA support.
- *Curriculum* – A new prelim rubric was presented with revamped outcomes. It was discussed, including fairness across committees, what the goals are for this exam, and what role the exam committee should have versus the supervisory committee. The draft was edited so that the decision to require a student who passes to Phd but whose advisor wants to get an MS first was clearly established as belonging to the supervisor solely and having nothing to do with this exam.
Two changes to our existing majors were presented in order to assist students desiring a state license. The committee recommended renaming the standard option into a geology option as it is the closest to the traditional geology degree, and adding an endorsement option meeting the licensing board's requirements available to all majors. Both proposals were unanimously approved.
- *Development* - Nothing to report
- *Oversight* – Nothing to report
- *Computing* – Lab capacity was discussed. The department is feeling a space crunch which is making it harder for courses to get lab time when they need it. Faculty should be aware of these needs when deciding if they need to be scheduled in labs every week, or only some weeks.
- *Scholarship* – Nothing to report
- *Prelim Committee* – Nothing to report
- *Promotion, Reappointment, and Merit* – Nothing to report

3. Old Business

- A google docs signup sheet will be presented, it is important that you sign up for the slots and the whole department should take part in this evaluation effort.

4. New Business

- In response to last meetings request for new donation ideas, Harnett presented a Omniglobe that generates a 3d image. It costs \$45k and could be used for both teaching and presentations. Many models are open source and currently exist that we would be able to use. The faculty unanimously approved adding this to the list of things to pursue for the next capital campaign.
- 3 letterheads were presented, and the faculty voted to use all three types of logos for letterhead.

5. Adjournment

The open session adjourned to the Executive Session at 4:30.

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Present:

Faculty: Abramson, Bandfield, Bergantz, Bodin, Brown, Buick, Catling, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Hansen, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, Montgomery, Nesbitt, Nittrouer, Sletten, Steig, Vidale, Winglee (Chair), Wood

Staff: Bernard, Briley, Conrad

Students: Harrold, Hotovec, Schleicher, Spector, Tobin