

University of Washington
Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session
Friday, March 14th, 2012 – 2:30pm, 175 Johnson Hall

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

Approval of Minutes of 02/03/12 Open Session minutes

The draft minutes were circulated for review and were approved.

Meeting synopsis:

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

1. Announcements

- The University's retention policy has been updated, course evaluation comment sheets and course creation information must be kept, please see <http://f2.washington.edu/fm/recmgt/retentionschedules/gs/general> for details.
- eFECs contacts are Kathy Gabriel (primary) and Michele Conrad (backup)
- Family Day is May 12, 2012.
- Odegaard Library is closed for the summer for renovations
- Congratulations to NSF Fellowship winners: Perry Spector, Jillian Schleicher, Courtney Ray
- Faculty were reminded of SAGE deadlines, and asked that we check with OSP to see if they could incentivize good behavior by giving feedback for timely submitted proposals sooner than the last possible day

2. Reports and Business

- *Curriculum* – Catling presented on the dual title Astrobiology proposal. Graduate students would be able to earn either a dual title degree (PhD in ESS and Astrobiology) or as a certificate (PhD in ESS with a certificate in Astrobiology). Students would not be able to get an Astrobiology degree (PhD in Astrobiology). The department agreed to support the proposal. The curriculum committee also recommended approval of an ESS 212 equivalent course at UW Tacoma, and a Paleobiology research course. Creager presented on the data analysis requirement for graduate students. After discussion, it was decided to administer it like the experimental learning requirement where students may take a course or show that they have the experience some other way. Roe announced that the Math department has given approval for ESS 310 and the application will start routing.
- *Undergraduate Program* – Nothing to report

- *Graduate Program* – Nothing to report
- *Admissions* – Noell Bernard-Kingsley presented some admissions data. 28 students visited, 27 were given offers, 20 declined offers, 4 accepted, and 3 are outstanding. The faculty discussed whether the department may need to increase financial support, especially in light of the College pushing for Tier II tuition. Bernard-Kingsley was asked to run some stats on what our competitors pay RA's for consideration. The faculty also gave the MESSAGE admissions committee permission to send acceptance letters at their discretion, in the same way that the Research Program's admissions committee does so.
- *Development* - The Awards Ceremony will be held on May 17th and John Garver will be present to honor Joe Vance's academic and philanthropic contributions
- *Oversight* – Nothing to report
- *Computing* – Nothing to report
- *Scholarship* – Nothing to report
- *Prelim Committee* – Nothing to report
- *Promotion, Reappointment, and Merit* – Nothing to report
- *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards* – Nothing to report

3. Old Business

- Geodesy will present in the executive session.

4. New Business

- Winglee proposed moving some faculty around to better use the space in JHN, as well as letting the new faculty be near their colleagues. He proposed moving Emeritus faculty to the ground floor, planetary science to the 2nd floor, and applied geomorphology to the 3rd floor. The faculty approved this, and requested that a plan be presented to them prior to it being enforced. Also some faculty suggested that they would be willing to do voluntary swaps, and Winglee encouraged them to talk to him.
- The Dean will be attending the next faculty meeting to present college initiatives and give clarity on big idea proposals.
- The state budget gave no cut to higher education, but tuition will still be increasing.

5. Adjournment

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

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Present:

Faculty: Bachmann, Bandfield, Bodin, Brown, Buick, Catling, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Hansen, Harnett, Hernandez, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, McCarthy, Nelson, Roe, Steig, Stone, Swanson, Vidale, Waddington, Winglee (Chair)

Staff: Briley, Conrad