

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 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of 04/13/12 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

- Dean Lisa Graumlich visited to discuss the College's strategic plan. The College is emphasizing interdisciplinary proposals including the Freshwater Initiative, Ice in the Environment, and Catastrophic Hazards. The College is sorting out budget issues and figuring out how to fund interdisciplinary programs fairly. The College also has a goal of establishing a more formal communication process and looking into how the College can support faculty in interacting with the public. Faculty feedback included that it would be more helpful for the College to provide infrastructure to promote communication rather than trying to run it, and NASA was given as a good example. Another feedback on the communication policy was that we should go for more targeted communication to make sure the people who need the information (ie policy makers) are getting it. On funding interdisciplinary programs the faculty wanted more guidance on how it will work with cross-college collaborations as well, not just intra-college. It was also requested that staff support be provided for outreach programs as it currently is all departmental people volunteering time.
- Kate Atatkurk was recognized as the CoEnv Dean's medalist.
- Terry Swanson's promotion was announced.
- Kate Huntington's successful retention was announced.
- Winglee suggested that faculty interested in opening new searches use the Strategic Plan as a starting guide and try to make the searches so that they hit as many goals as possible.
- Winglee announced the Ice Initiative will be sent out for feedback.

2. Reports and Business

- *Admissions* –Buick presented various admissions stats including 23 incoming students (13 MESSAGE, 10 Research Program), the results of

looking at UW vs other schools in ASE pay, and of the various reasons for declining “Preferred program of study / research areas at chosen institution” was the most common factor.

- *Curriculum* – Faculty are encouraged to make Youtube videos of fieldwork for our outreach page.
- *Undergraduate Program* – Nothing to report
- *Graduate Program* – Nothing to report
- *Development* - The Awards Ceremony will be held on May 17th and Family Day will be held on May 12th.
- *Oversight* – Conrad gave an end of the year update. RCR took in more funds than spent, but costs were up \$111k. The big costs included searches and graduate student recruitment.

Winglee explained that part of the search concerns was that in the past the Department, Dean, and Provost each contributed 33%, but now the Dean and Provost were providing only 50% combined, with the Department providing the other 50%

- *Computing* – Nothing to report
- *Scholarship* – Nothing to report
- *Prelim Committee* – Nothing to report
- *Promotion, Reappointment, and Merit* – Reporting in Executive Session.
- *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards* – Nothing to report

3. Old Business

- Geodesy will present in the executive session.

4. New Business

- Retirement is changing, faculty should look for emails in the near future.

5. Adjournment

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

Minutes by Nathan Briley
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Present:

Faculty: Bodin, Bourgeois, Brand, Brown, Buick, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Gorman-Lewis, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, McCarthy, Montgomery, Nelson, Odom, Roe, Steig, Stone, Vidale, Waddington, Winglee (Chair), Wood

Students: Cash, Tobin

Staff: Briley, Conrad

Guests: Graumlich, Meyers