

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

Department Chair Robert Winglee called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of 10/05/12 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

2. Reports and Business

- *Admissions* – Nothing to report
 - *Curriculum* – Waddington updated the faculty on the committee's progress. Huntington's ESS 480/580 Advanced Isotope Geochemistry was approved, ESS 546 Tsunami Hazards is routing, and the prelim changes are in progress.
 - *Undergraduate Program* – Roe presented on grades within the department. Supporting sciences grades are discouraging, ESS core course grades are better but not impressive, electives are promising. Overall GPA is less than 3.0. Questions are is this typical and what actions should we take (change recruiting, offer more ESS courses similar to ESS 310) Winglee suggested creating a geocomputing course or courses as CSE courses have very different priorities than a geology course would
 - *Graduate Program* – Nothing to report
 - *Development* - Nothing to report
 - *Oversight* – Nothing to report
- Computing* – Bodin presented on the committee's activities.
- i. The slow internet is due to us sharing service with the HUB which recently reopened.
 - ii. Video taping of courses is continuing, if you want non-Apple software let the committee know.
 - iii. USGS plotter is being replaced but are still working out the details.
 - iv. Ed and Ali are prioritizing remote computing access for courses
 - v. Adobe CS6 is being added to the JHN 366 computer lab.
 - vi. UW is moving from Moodle support to Canvas support. ESS will support Moodle as long as needed. The faculty were curious if the

faculty should wait or if we should push for a department wide changeover during Summer, maybe provide extra TA support.

- *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. New Business

- Steig updated the faculty on the status of the freshwater initiative. It is planning on 4 hires, 2 within the CoEnv. A draft ad was presented, and it was discussed that we could potentially create a new Applied MS degree. The search could commit us to a hire and might lead to multiple joint appointments. A question was raised if we are represented adequately on the initiative and we have multiple representatives. A motion to continue pursuing this initiative was passed unanimously.

4. Old Business

- Winglee updated the faculty on the status of the budget. ABB funding and RCR are changing to maintain similar funding levels. ESS was +30k this year despite increasing SCH significantly. Winglee will continue protesting the 50% College tax and has faculty support.

5. Adjournment

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

Minutes by Nathan Briley
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Present:

Faculty: Bergantz, Bodin, Bourgeois, Brown, Buick, Catling, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Hansen, Houston, Huntington, McCarthy, Montgomery, Nelson, Roe, Steig, Stone, Vidale, Waddington, Winebrenner, Winglee
Staff: Briley, Conrad, Hansen, Greenberg