

**University of Washington**  
**Department of Earth and Space Sciences**  
**Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session**  
**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 3:30pm, 175 Johnson Hall**

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

**Approval of Minutes of 11/02/12 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**

- Edward Siegal has been attending classes and presentations. He is allowed in the building, but not in courses that he is not registered for. If you see him causing a disturbance, or attending your class when he is not registered, please contact Michele Conrad. UWPD is aware of the situation and are keeping an eye on the situation.  
*Update:* Edward Siegal has now been banned from campus.
- There will be a faculty retreat late this quarter or early next quarter. It will be a one-day affair, most likely on a Saturday. The two big topics are:
  - i. Hiring Priorities – needed because we have a bunch of new people and finished up searches so priorities may change. It was decided that the junior faculty should lead a sub-committee to present at the retreat.
  - ii. Growth Concerns – many of our courses are bursting at the seams and we need to decide whether we continue to grow or start limiting growth. A subcommittee of Creager, Roe, Houston, Cowan, Bergantz, and Briley was established to generate some data on various options.
- The Gala needs a keynote speaker and will send out an announcement asking for feedback on current nominees or if there are any new nominees. The Gala will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Reports and Business**

- *Admissions* – The Research Program has 179 applications and wants 3 reviewers per file. A demonstration of the new review program from the Graduate School was given.
- *Curriculum* – Nothing to report
- *Undergraduate Program* – Nothing to report

- *Graduate Program* – Graduate Annual Reports have gone out and are due Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- *Development* - Nothing to report
- *Oversight* – Nothing to report
- *Computing* – Nothing to report
- *Scholarship* – Nothing to report
- *Prelim Committee* – One student still outstanding, will be reviewed in the near future.
- *Promotion, Reappointment, and Merit* – As a reminder, the Faculty Annual Reports need to be done for merit reviews and they are reviewing the last three years rather than just this year.
- *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards* – Nothing to report

### **3. New Business**

- MESSAGE Update – the first cohort is going strong, and an external overview committee has been established
- Licensing Update – the licensing exam has recently revamped their requirements so that now almost all of our undergrads should meet the requirements by our current major requirements. Also the licensing board will be visiting UW Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and will be giving a presentation and Q&A with our students.
- Open House – it was decided it was best to leave it on the planned date and have Nelson do the welcoming rather than try and move it to ensure Winglee’s attendance.

### **4. Old Business**

- The College is pursuing the establishment of an environment institute funded by private donations through the next UW Campaign drive. It would have ~\$1 million annual operating budget and the College is hoping to consult with much of UW to ensure that this is a university wide supported effort as well as being of use to a wide range of people. It would fund research that would otherwise go unfunded, particularly “risky” research.
- Hazards initiative has created a broad proposal and is moving forward.

### **5. Adjournment**

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

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Present:

Faculty: Abramson, Bergantz, Brown, Buick, Catling, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Montgomery, Nelson, Nesbitt, Nittrouer, Odom, Roe, Steig, Waddington, Winebrenner, Winglee (Chair)

Staff, Students, and Guests: Baker, Briley, Conrad, Hansen, Harrold, Tobin