

University of Washington
Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session
Friday, February 8th, 2013 – 3:30pm, 175 Johnson Hall

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

Approval of Minutes of 01/11/13 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

- Annual Reports are due April 1st and are being used as part of the merit review process. You should include the last 3 years of activity and cannot be found meritorious without submitting your report.
- The Graduate Students received funding for 3 of their STF proposals

2. Reports and Business

- *Admissions* (Buick) – 32 Students have been admitted. If you have additional people that you would like to come to Open House you need to let the Admissions Committee know ASAP. There will be a poster session rather than the usual seminar on that Thursday, and there are still some sweeteners available if you have a student on the fence.
- *Curriculum* (Waddington) – ESS 119 and 546 were approved, 519 received College approval, and the Curriculum Committee is meeting with the College to see if there is a possibility to get more use out of Friday Harbor Labs. Some of the faculty expressed concern regarding the expense of FHL and mentioned this is why they stopped running field trips up there.
- *Undergraduate Program* – Nothing to report
- *Graduate Program* (Creager) – Annual Reports for grads are past due so faculty members should ensure they have met with their students to discuss their progress. Committees and taking exams in a timely manner are being closely reviewed.
- *Development* - Nothing to report
- *Oversight* – Nothing to report
- *Computing* (Harnett) – there is a push to the new Canvas system and there is a possibility of TA support over summer if there is significant interest in switching over multiple courses at once
- *Scholarship* – Nothing to report

- *Prelim Committee* (Holzworth) – Prelim committee will make a recommendation in executive session
- *Promotion, Reappointment, and Merit* – Nothing to report
- *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards* – Nothing to report

3. New Business

- Faculty Senate Update – Harnett reported that the faculty senate is currently discussing introducing salary steps at the full professor ranks so that salaries don't stagnate.
- Faculty Senate Update – Harnett also reported that UW is reviewing its' Intellectual Property rights agreements so anyone affected by this may want to review UW's policies.
- GIS Lab – Montgomery reported that a long term plan for the GISlab is being formulated and welcomes input. Specifically what capabilities the lab should have and how to support it are being examined.
- Family Day – Winglee announced that a survey on how frequently we should hold family day and who is willing to participate would be going out and encouraged faculty to respond.

4. Old Business

- Future of Ice – Winglee reported that there is now a working document laying out the plans for this initiative.
- Freshwater Initiative – Montgomery reported that the search committee did a first pass of candidates and that there are some good geomorphology candidates that may be ESS or joint-ESS compatible.
- Glaciology Search – Waddington reported that they have 3-4 candidates they are interested in interviewing and that they expect to hold interviews and presentations in Spring quarter.

5. Adjournment

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

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Present:

Faculty: Bodin, Buick, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, Montgomery, Nesbitt, Odom, Roe, Schmidt, Teng, Waddington, Winglee (Chair), Wood

Staff, Students, and Guests: Allstadt, Bernard-Kingsley, Briley, Campbell, Conrad, Hansen