

**University of Washington**  
**Department of Earth and Space Sciences**  
**Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session**  
**Friday, May 3, 2013**  
**3:30 pm, 117 Johnson Hall**

**Present**

**Faculty:** Abramson, Bodin, Buick, Catling, Conway, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, McCarthy, Montgomery, Nelson, Schmidt, Sletten, Steig, Stone, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Warren, Winglee, Wood

**Staff:** Conrad, Hansen

**Graduate students:** Campbell, Harrold

**Adjuncts/Affiliate/USGUS:** Gomberg

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

**Approval of Minutes of 4/12/2013 Faculty Meeting Open Session Minutes**

The draft minutes were circulated for review prior to the meeting and were approved.

**Meeting Synopsis:**

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

**1. Announcements**

- a. Congratulations to Harnett on promotion
- b. Send newsletter items to Bernard-Kingsley
- c. Reminder of mandatory Prevention of Sexual Harassment Training May 10, 2013. If cannot attend must attend POD session.
- d. Reminder: retreat on May 11, 2013 at Museum of Flight.
- e. Reminder: Awards on May 16, 2013
- f. Harnett organizing a DRS training session on working with students who have social disabilities.

**2. Reports and Business**

- a. *Curriculum* (Waddington)
  - i. CoEnv taking over WA MESA; look for opportunities for outreach.
  - ii. Approved by faculty vote: require 1.7 GPA on prerequisite basic science courses from outside the department and 2.0 for courses within the department approved by faculty vote.
- b. *Graduate Program* (Creager)
  - i. Effective Fall 2014 will begin enforcing requirement that the general exam be taken by the end of the third year (and a reminder that the general exam is a test of general knowledge).
  - ii. Approved by faculty vote and to take effect immediately: formalized list of courses accepted as the required data analysis course (with GPC able to approve

other courses on an ad hoc basis) to include ESS 522, ESS 523, ESS 580, AtmSci 552, AMAP 506, AMAP 582.

- iii. Grad progress reports are due or won't be considered to be making satisfactory progress.
- c. *Admissions* (Buick)
  - i. PhD program: 38 offers, 19 acceptances, ~80 still admissible and will begin to be declined.
  - ii. MESSAGE: 45 applications, 15 confirmed acceptances, 3 outstanding offers & a deep waiting list.
- d. *Oversight* (Creager, Sletten): Reviewed the report of the FY RCR budget. Takeaways: the RCR down a little due to ARRA expirations and likely to be down further in FY 2014. Some increases in staff supported by RCR due to decline in computing cost center, but everything is order, and will carry forward some funds for retentions, recruitments, start up packages, and other purposes.
- e. *Scholarships/Fellowships/Awards* (Stone): Award decisions are being finalized; more requests for funding than available funds, so committee will make some hard decisions. Brief discussion of nominating process for the Johnston Award since it is a special award.