

University of Washington
Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session
Friday, April 11, 2014 – 2:30 p.m., Johnson Hall 111

Department Chair Robert Winglee called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. for informational purposes.

Meeting synopsis:

1. Announcements
 2. Reports and Business
 3. Standing Committees
 4. Old Business
 5. New Business
 6. Adjournment
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Dean Lisa Graumlich spoke at the beginning of the meeting to present updates about the College of the Environment.

1. Future of Ice Public Lecture Series was successful with over 5000 attendees at the six lectures.
2. Special thanks to Dave Montgomery for responding to the media about the Oso landslide which also provides visibility of the ESS department.
3. Hazards & Resilience Initiative is coming along well with engagement cross campus and continues to be interdisciplinary. She's hoping to find more resources to make this plan more fruitful.
4. College of the Environment is developing three priorities for this upcoming campaign.
 - a. Environmental Institute – Lisa believes there are possibly two donors that can bring in enough funding to make this happen. The vision is for researchers (faculty, graduates, staff, undergrads) to share knowledge with the public and further strengthen public engagement. Inquiry from the faculty had Lisa confirm that fundamental science is also key to the Institute, to keep focus and discovery orientated work will be critical concepts.
 - b. Next Generation Leaders - Title represents student scholarships with a twist. Need to generate ways to increase donor contribution to enhance and enrich student's experience.
 - c. Endowed Faculty – Recruit mid-career superstars for these types of positions. Inquiry from faculty about order of priority when this one particularly seems important to hire endowed professors to help carry the load. Response was that there is no particular order or hierarchy of importance, just a list of items.
5. In general, there seems to be a strong momentum and the donor community is ready to engage. College is looking for a way to invest in students/ researchers that state tuition does not provide.
6. Issues on the horizon – continuing the College budget with raises, new faculty lines, and new faculty pay structure. How to find the resources without removing the key components?
7. The College wants anyone to submit funding requests for FY15-17 using the State Funding Request Form. Form is due by close of business on April 25th. Any ideas are relevant and

should be submitted. Funding is not guaranteed, however, this is a good time now to inform the state of upcoming needs and priorities. Crider discussed the importance of the MESSAGE program, bringing leaders and knowledge to the field would strengthen and support the workforce which is an investment to science. This program and necessity of assistance should be submitted.

8. Lisa will look into the change of the Full Time Summer Notification Form.

Department Chair Winglee officially brought the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. to approve the March 18, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes.

The draft minutes were circulated for review and were approved.

1. Announcements
 - a. Family day is tomorrow
 - b. Noel Heim will be visiting Monday, April 14th and Tuesday, April 15th. More in executive session.
2. Reports and Business
 - a. *Curriculum (Waddington)* – Nothing to Report
 - b. *Undergraduate Program (Roe)* – Brown reported that a small subset of students are still “gaming” the system by turning in past assignments as technology allows the passing of files from year to year. Brown urged faculty to make changes to assignments, even slightly, to avoid continual problems. Turn students into the College if found of academic misconduct.
 - c. *Graduate Program (Waddington/Creager)* – Nothing to Report
3. Standing Committees
 - a. *Admissions (Buick)* – Buick was absent, so Noell Bernard-Kingsley reported that that 8 accepted, 11 declined, and 7 are still outstanding. Crider reported for MESSAGE that 18 students were offered, 10 confirmed, 8 outstanding. Half are ESS alums. Received 43 applications total to the program.
 - b. *Computing (Harnett)* – Nothing to report
 - c. *Development (Winglee)* – Nothing to report
 - d. *Oversight (Conway/Schmidt)* – Nothing to report
 - e. *Prelim (Brown/Cowan/Gorman-Lewis)* – Nothing to report
 - f. *Promotions, Reappointment, Merit (Bourgeois)/Holzworth/Steig* – 50% of the faculty has not completed their activity reports. Review for merit increases is coming up as well as promotions. o for those interested in promotions be thinking about it
 - g. *Scholarships, Fellowships, & Awards (Stone)* – Award applications were due April 7th. Suggestions were made by faculty to include a line in the instructions to begin soliciting letters of recommendation as soon as possible (preferably four to six weeks prior) to give ample time.
4. Old Business
 - a. Winglee noted that a nice wave of grant proposals came through. Please continue to submit by required deadline to allow enough time for review. Let Nelson know if you think you may be submitting late, but last resort.

5. New Business
 - a. Bourgeois and Winglee reiterated the importance of requesting priorities to YR 15-17 legislation by submitting the funding form. Looking for a least the top five nascent ideas to submit.
 - b. Nelson also stressed that developing ideas starts the discussion with the Administration to show the innovation that is continually developing in the College. The state does want to fund ideas that lead to jobs and technology.
6. Adjournment
 - a. The open session adjourned to the Executive Session at 3:31 p.m.

Minutes by: April Huff

Attendees - Faculty: Abramson, Bergantz, Bourgeois, Brown, Catling, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gonzalez, Gorman-Lewis, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, Koutnik, Montgomery, Nelson, Nesbitt, Odom, Roe, Schmidt, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Winglee (Chair)

Staff, Students, and Guests: Bernard-Kingsley, Bernhardt, Gauglitz, Hansen, Huff