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

Approval of September 26, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes were circulated for review and were approved.

Meeting synopsis:
1. Announcements
2. Reports and Business
3. Standing Committees
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

1. Announcements
   a. Dana Hansen announced that the Combined Fund Drive (CFD) is currently underway. The jar for change donations was passed around and was noted that it will be at the front desk. The CFD website is another place for online donations that are tax deductible.
   b. Noell Bernard-Kingsley will be contacting faculty about Mygrad access and application updates.
   c. Holiday party with GeoClub will be held on December 5th following the faculty meeting. They have begun selling raffle tickets.
   d. All sabbatical requests are due by Friday, November 21, 2014 to Winglee.
   e. Winglee reported on the latest information about the new building next to Mole. The architecture drawings were passed around for everyone to review and present further comments. It will be the Nano Engineering, which will house one larger classroom for 120 students. Survey activities begin the week of November 10th and full construction begins in January 2015. The contractors will be parking their trailer in the courtyard next to Johnson Hall and fencing will affect pedestrian traffic.

2. Reports and Business
   a. Curriculum (Huntington/Roe) – Nothing to Report
   b. Undergraduate Program (Roe)
      i. Harnett reported that she has had success regarding no plagiarism by suggesting students to submit their papers into paperrater.com prior to turning it in.
   c. Graduate Program (Creager)
      i. Graduate Activity Reports are due at the end of December. Advisors need to review and sign off.

3. Standing Committees
   a. Admissions (Buick) – Noted that students are starting to apply for next year.
   b. Computing (Harnett) - Nothing to Report
   c. Oversight Committee (Brown/Gillespie) – Nothing to Report
d. Prelim (Brown/Cowan/Gorman-Lewis) – Completed the prelim process for the year.

e. Promotion, Reappointment, Merit (Bourgeois/Holzoworth/Catling) – Report in Executive Session

f. Scholarship, Fellowship, and Awards (Bergantz) - Nothing to Report

4. Old Business – Nothing to report

5. New Business
   a. Bourgeois announced that we intend to nominate Naomi Oreskes for the Danz lectureship, with ESS being the lead. She is just in the early stages of developing broad support for the nomination, from a number of departments. If anyone has questions or suggestions, please contact Bourgeois.

6. Adjournment
   a. The open session adjourned to the Executive Session at 2:48 p.m.

Minutes by: April Huff


Staff, Students, and Guests: Bernhardt, Hansen, Huff, Schanz