Department Chair Robert Winglee called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Approval of February 6, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes. – Start here

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. Graduate student, Julia Kelson announced that the annual ESS Gala will be held April 2nd and 3rd. The committee is looking for faculty volunteers to serve as judges. They are also soliciting donations to help fund prizes. Checks can be made payable to the University of Washington. Any questions, please contact essgala2015@gmail.com.
   b. Winglee announced that the annual ESS Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 4:40 p.m. in JHN 102.
   c. Winglee announced that the chair search will be re-convened in spring quarter.
   d. Spring quarter Faculty Meetings will move back to 2:30 p.m. in JHN 111.
   e. ESS nominated Naomi Oreskes for the Danz Lecturer and she was accepted. Her visit will be in the spring of 2016. (Bourgeois)
   f. Final Reminder that all Activity Reports are to be submitted by Friday, March 13th (Winglee).

2. Reports and Business
   a. Curriculum (Huntington/Roe) – Nothing to Report
   b. Undergraduate Program (Roe) – Nothing to Report
   c. Graduate Program (Creager) – Nothing to Report

3. Standing Committees
   a. Admissions (Buick) – Buick reported that two (2) officially accepted, three (3) rejected. Faculty are strongly encouraged to finishing reviewing applicant files of those who were not yet rejected.
   b. Computing (Harnett) – The third floor computer lab will have all computers replaced. If you are interested in an old computer for backing up lab data, etc. please ask Ed. Google Earth Pro is now free (Stone).
   c. Oversight Committee (Brown/Gillespie) – Nothing to Report
d. Prelim (Brown/Cowan/Gorman-Lewis) – Report in Executive Session

e. Promotion, Reappointment, Merit (Bourgeois/Holzoworth/Catling)

f. Scholarship, Fellowship, and Awards (Bergantz) - Information has been sent out to students to begin applying for the scholarships. Reminder to faculty to please submit letters of recommendation on time.

4. Old Business
   a. Faculty Salary Policy (Harnett) – There will be a delay in the implementation of the new salary policy due to lack of funds to support this plan.
   b. Geobiology Search Update (Buick) – Candidates are scheduled during the month of April. Please sign up to talk with them.

5. New Business
   a. Nelson announced that the Phase II (Nano Technology Building) will have two general assignment classrooms. One holding approximately 80-120 students, the other holding approximately 40-55 students. Part of the building will be a “warm shell” and not fully completed. There will be an open area for students to work and meet.

6. Adjournment
   a. The faculty adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Minutes by: April Huff


Staff, Students, and Guests: Bernhardt, Booker, Gomberg, Hansen, Huff, Kelson, Schanz, Schleicher