

University of Washington
Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty
Friday, June 5, 2015 ~ 2:30 p.m. Johnson Hall 111

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

Approval of May 8, 2015 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
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1. Announcements

- a. Bruce Nelson will be the new ESS Chair effective July 1, 2015.
- b. Jessica Creveling turned down the offer for the Geobiology position. Negotiations with Alexis Licht are continuing and look promising.
- c. Geoclub Spring BBQ starts at 4:00 p.m. today

2. Reports and Business

- a. *Curriculum (Gorman-Lewis/Waddington)* – Waddington reported on adding *ESS 508: Great Geological Issues* to list of approved breadth classes. The motivation is the lack of a breadth course that deals with the nature of discovery in Earth Sciences, and related concepts such as deep time. Course highlights include:
 - i. Accessible to students with a variety of backgrounds
 - ii. Introduces concepts such as deep time, tectonics, stratigraphy, extinction, climate change
 - iii. Discusses history of science and geology, women in science, modern scientific controversies, and other topics

ESS 508 Learning Goals:

- i. Introduce students to (or review) the nature of scientific inquiry by examining case histories
- ii. Expose students to the historical writings and thoughts of natural historians who have examined the earth sciences and related fields
- iii. To help students develop as a critical thinkers and evaluators of scientific ideas and controversies
- iv. To engage students in discussions of different points of view
- v. To improve students discussion, reading, and writing skills, particularly in the analysis of scientific ideas and data

Motion was presented to include ESS 508 to the list of approved breadth classes (ESS 501, 502, 503, 504, 505). [22 approved, 0 opposed, 2 abstained]

- b. *Undergraduate Program (Roe)* – Nothing to Report
- c. *Graduate Program (Creager)* – Peer-to-Peer Mentoring was presented by Noell Bernard-Kingsley. She is working on putting together more structure to student groups (“pods”) for the fall to match more senior peers with new incoming grads.

3. Standing Committees

- a. *Admissions (Buick)* – Duvall reported on MESSAGE admissions. Goal was 12, made 16 offers, 13 accepted. Received ~35-40 applications. Out of the 13 students, 3 have UW undergraduate degrees, 60% outside of WA, 1 international student, 40% women. Program marketing has been by word of mouth, not much outside marketing, no students have dropped out of program, but students have extended the time to complete the degree. Approximately 75% job rate in the field.
- b. *Computing (Harnett)* – Harnett reported that JHN 021 will be out of commission from June 10-18 to replace the new computers. Ed Mulligan will be sending out an official email if you want to request a spare computer.
- c. *Oversight Committee (Brown/Gillespie)* – Brown reported on the academic year (2014-15) oversight report.
 - i. Indirect costs total \$500,00 which includes spending on payroll, startup funds, RA support, technology fees, facilities, office supplies, graduate recruitment bonuses, open house, etc.
 - ii. Pattern of spending in line with prior spending. To see full details, contact Brown or Sue Bernhardt.
 - iii. Report accepted by faculty.
- d. *Prelim (Brown/Cowan/Gorman-Lewis)* – Nothing to Report
- e. *Promotion, Reappointment, Merit (Bourgeois/Holzworth/Catling)* – Report in Executive Session.
- f. *Scholarship, Fellowship, and Awards (Bergantz)* – Nothing to Report.

4. Old Business

- a. No state budget has been approved. Merit raises will not go into effect July 1st, however, maybe September 1st if state legislation approves a budget. Raises will not be retro-active.

5. New Business

- a. Harnett discussed the concern of classes having a lot of poster sessions towards the end of the quarter. Need to develop a way to chart sessions so they can be managed. Suggested that Victor Aque in the main office to assist with scheduling. Also need to make sure that the course has a lab fee if using the plotter.

6. Adjournment

- a. The faculty adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes by: April Huff

Attendees - Faculty: Bodin, Bourgeois, Brown, Buick, Conway, Creager, Duvall, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Koutnik, McCarthy, Nelson, Nesbitt, Odom, Roe, Stone, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Winebrenner, Winglee (Chair).

Staff, Students, and Guests: Bernard-Kingsley, Bernhardt, Gomberg, Gonzalez, Hansen, Huff, Schanz, Schleicher