

**Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Open Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, February 5, 2016
2:30 p.m. JHN 162**

Department Chair Bruce Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- December 4, 2015 Faculty Meeting Minutes were circulated and approved.

Announcements

- Good News Items
 - Assistant professor Juliet Crider has been promoted to associate professor with tenure effective 9-16-2016.
 - The White House held an event the first week of February announcing development of a West Coast Early Earthquake Warning system. Vidale, Bodin, and Steele were in attendance for the announcement and associated panel discussions.
 - Winglee announced the successful award of a NASA-funded consortium supporting science education in Washington, Oregon, and Montana at the K-12 level with special emphasis on outreach to underserved and underrepresented communities.
 - ESS grad student Jill Schleicher was one of nine winners of the Outstanding Student Paper Award at the 2015 AGU Fall Meeting held in San Francisco in December.
 - Alan Gillespie agreed to Chair of the GSA National meeting being held in Seattle, October 2017. He will be looking for support in this effort from others in ESS.
 - Donations to ESS were up markedly during December, including 2 large gifts that generated 50% matches by the University.
 - Annual Faculty Scholarly Activity reports due first day of spring quarter. As per policy, no raise is possible without submitting a Faculty Scholarly Activity Report.
- Introduction of Meghan Oxley, new Academic Counselor. She recently completed her Ph.D in Linguistics at UW and has been advising students in the Integrated Sciences program.
- Prospective Graduate Student Open House will be held February 24-27. To date, 14 prospective students will visit.
- Grad student Joel Gombiner announced the 2016 ESS Gala will be held March 31-April 1. They are looking for faculty to serve as judges, as well as looking for prize donations.
- Nelson encouraged all faculty to attend the ESS Colloquia each week and to encourage their students to attend as well. There have been recent changes to the speaker guidelines encouraging a broader approach to the subject in the first part of a talk to make the material more accessible to attendees. Suggestions on further improvements are welcome.
- Roe reports that Dean Lisa Graumlich is undergoing a five-year review of her performance as Dean. Roe is a member of the review committee. Feedback is sought from all members of the College community.
- The College of the Environment is currently conducting a Culture Study. Emails have been sent to all college faculty, staff, and graduate students soliciting participation and feedback.
- Harnett reported on the current Associate Dean for Diversity and Access position search. The evaluation rubric was discussed and Harnett explained the search committee's selection process. Nelson asked that any feedback be directed to Harnett for the committee to hear. ESS faculty are eligible and encouraged to apply or nominate.

Reports and Business

Curriculum (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report

Undergraduate Program (Roe) – Nothing to report

Graduate Program (Creager) – Nothing to report

Standing Committees

Admissions (Buick) - 14 prospective graduate students have been admitted to the program and invited to attend the Open House February 24-27. Buick requested additional admits, noting both a shortage of TAs for ESS classes and that there are still many great candidates on the waiting list. Cowan reminded everyone of the serious commitment each admit represents to the department in terms of both supervisors and funding. It was also noted that our graduate students need both Research and Teaching experience.

Computing (Harnett) – Nothing to report

Oversight (Brown/McCarthy) – Nothing to report

Prelim (Gorman-Lewis/Schmidt) – Nothing to report

Promotion, Reappointment & Merit (Holzworth/Catling) – Nothing to report

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards (Bergantz) – Nothing to report

Graduate student attendees were dismissed at 3:05 p.m. to leave for the grad student retreat at the Friday Harbor Labs.

Old Business

Safety – Building key inventory and door security study has been completed. There have been instances of exterior doors being jimmed preventing them from securely locking. Tell Nelson if you find anything amiss in the building, since it does not appear that we are receiving reports from UW police regarding all incidents in Johnson Hall. We need to be vigilant and centrally document all incidents.

Lab safety – The UW's chemical database, MyChem, requires 100% compliance of chemical inventories throughout the building. This information is used by first responders to determine any special safety precautions they need when responding to emergency calls for the building. Any rooms that are not in compliance will be physically inventoried in the next few weeks by Stephanie Harrington from the Dean's office.

Announcement of UW Safety, Sustainability Preparedness expo being held on Feb 10.

Space – Starting with the classroom support storage areas, teaching collection specimens need to be unscrambled from research collections. Cleanup is underway, and JHN 121 is now done. At the end of every quarter all material temporarily on countertops in JHN 121 will be stored away if for class or discarded. Items dumped in the classroom support areas (e.g., JHN 121) not related to class labs will be disposed of during quarter breaks.

New Business - None

Adjourn to Executive Session (3:18 p.m.)

Minutes by: Scott Dakins

Attendees - Faculty: Abramson, Bergantz, Bodin, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Harnett, Holzworth, Koutnik, Montgomery, Nelson, Nesbitt, Nittrouer, Roe, Schmidt, Stone, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Walters, Winebrenner, Winglee.

Staff, Students and Guests: Bernard-Kingsley, Bernhardt, Dakins, Gombiner, Oxley, Schanz, Schleicher.