

Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, May 6, 2016
JHN 026 ~ 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order - Meeting of the Faculty in Open Session

- Department Chair Bruce Nelson Called the meeting to order at 2:35

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- March 4, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes were circulated and approved.

Announcements

- Good News Items
 - ESS recently received another bequest from a donor estate, raising the number of bequests for 2016 to two. Please thank the advancement team when you see them for the great work they're doing!
 - Jody Bourgeois has received a Fulbright Fellowship for 2016-17. She'll be spending January-June in Russia.
 - The College of the Environment Awards Ceremony will be held on May 11. ESS has two award recipients this year:
 - Brad Markle: Graduate Dean's Medalist
 - Robert Winglee: Outstanding Commitment to Diversity
 - ESS Senior Linnea McCann has been named to the Husky100, honoring 100 undergraduate and graduate students across the three UW campuses who are making the most of their educational experiences.
 - The ESS Gala held April 31-May1 was a success. Thanks to faculty judges and donors, \$1600 in prize money was disbursed, and there are plans to grow the event next year.
 - UW College of the Environment was recently named the #1 most cited institution in the recent NATURE Citation Awards. (<http://www.natureindex.com/annual-tables/2016/institution/academic/earth-and-environmental>)
- New Assistant Professor Alexis Licht will be visiting in late June. Please welcome him when you see him in the halls.
- ESS Awards Ceremony will be held at 3:30 on Thursday, May 26 in JHN 102, with reception to follow in the Courtyard.
- ESS Graduation will be held at the HUB Lyceum on Saturday, June 11 at 9:00. Faculty and summer graduates are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP Student Services by May 13.
- Classroom Scheduling for centrally owned space is becoming increasingly difficult during 'prime time' hours. Please be aware that everything is being done to accommodate requests as they come in, but there are no guarantees that you will be what you request.
- Final reminder to faculty to submit their Scholarly Activity Reports. Preliminary information from the Provost's office indicate merit raises will be coming, but amounts are yet to be determined.

Reports and Business

Curriculum (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report.

Undergraduate Program (Roe) – An issue has arisen regarding the Department Honors Program. Current information on the website indicate that the Honors course counts for elective credit towards the major, but this is inconsistent with other listed guidelines. Brown moved to amend the website and to eliminate the Honors course as being listed as an elective, with a grandfather clause for current students in the program. Vote passed unanimously.

Graduate Program (Creager) – Graduate Student Activity Reports are due. The department will be enforcing completion of GSARs this year.

Standing Committees

Admissions (Buick) – 13 admitted Graduate students have accepted, 10 have declined. 60 admissible prospectives still on list until denials are sent out next week. Faculty please take another pass at the list to see if there are any applicants you'd like to admit.

Computing (Harnett) – Harnett notes that she has been asked by the Chair to re-examine the current Enhanced Computing Support Fees structure and benefits.

MESSAGE (Crider) – Of 45 applications to the MESSAGE program, 18 were admitted, and 13-15 are expected to accept. Program's reputation continues to grow as evidenced by strength of applicant pool.

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) – Committee is halfway through its decisions, will be meeting on Monday to finalize all decisions.

Old Business

- Waddington reported that the Faculty Senate continues to discuss salary models, that the latest proposal has reached a length of 80 pages, and that the senate is highly polarized.

New Business

- Graduate Student Representatives Schanz, and Schleicher presented on the new peer mentoring program for graduate students (i.e., the Pods). Graduate student pods are cross-mixed by both cohort and research area. Participation is voluntary, but placement is automatic. Key points regarding Pods are to connect junior and senior students, provide peer mentoring, encourage a proactive approach to getting research accomplished, and to help build community among the grad students.
- Creager led discussion of a potential hire of Dr. Kerry Key in UW-APL, and a collaborative relationship with ESS. Key is currently an associate professor at Scripps Institution of

Oceanography in their Marine EM Laboratory. A major area of collaboration with ESS would be in study of subduction zone processes.

Adjourn to Executive Session (3:24 p.m.)

Minutes by Scott Dakins

Attendees – Faculty: Abramson, Bergantz, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Conway, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Harnett, Holzworth, Nelson, Nesbitt, Roe, Schmidt, Sletten, Steig, Swanson, Teng, Waddington, Walters, Winebrenner.

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