

**Department of Earth and Space Sciences**  
**Meeting of the Faculty**  
**Friday, June 3, 2016**  
**JHN 026 ~ 2:30 p.m.**

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**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**

- May 6, 2016 Faculty Meeting Minutes were circulated and approved.

**Announcements**

- Good News Items
  - New Assistant Professor Alexis Licht will be visiting the last week in June. Please welcome him when you see him in the halls.
  - Today is Jody Bourgeois' last Faculty Meeting! After 36 years with the department, she is retiring. A celebration of her career will be held in the fall.
  - Last Friday Nelson met with the Grad Students regarding Communication Strategies. The meeting was very productive, including establishing processes for iterative feedback to faculty and greater involvement of graduate students with department initiatives.
- Projector Upgrade Project update: replacement project is ongoing. New projectors providing automatic higher resolution.
- Reminder regarding funding for grant-writing during quarters when one's only salary source is federal. 20% of one month of salary will be allocated from the 75-0440 (RCR) budget.
- GeoClub Spring BBQ: Friday, June 3, following the Faculty Meeting, Courtyard.
- Assoc. Dean for Diversity and Access candidate Brian McAdoo will present his Vision talk on Monday, June 6 at 3:30, and his technical talk on Tuesday, June 7 at 12:30. Both talks are in FSH 203.
- ESS Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, June 11, 2016, HUB Lyceum, 8:30am, reception to follow. ATTENDANCE IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED, and we'll need greeters at the door.

**Reports and Business**

**Curriculum** (Gorman-Lewis) – Faculty who are co-teaching courses with graduate students are requested to make sure Lauren is notified of this so she can make the notation in the time schedule (ensuring everyone has appropriate access to Canvas, etc).

Discussion regarding the Bio option for the undergrad major. No proposal to change, but to allow exceptions for 400-level Bio courses to substitute for 400-level ESS electives. Also to allow Bio concentration students to petition to take Greg Wilson's Biology summer field course (Geobiology) in place of ESS Field Camp.

Heads up regarding re-examination of possible ESS degree changes next year.

**Undergraduate Program** (Roe) – Nothing to report.

**Graduate Program** (Creager) – Nothing to report.

## Standing Committees

**Admissions** (Buick) – Nothing to report.

**Computing** (Harnett) – Nothing to report.

**MESSAGE** (Crider) – MESSAGE Program about to graduate it's 40<sup>th</sup> student.

**Oversight** (Brown/McCarthy) – Brown reported on the Academic Year (2015-16) oversight report. The RCR allocation for Indirect costs for 2015-16 total \$506,000. The total RCR projected expenditures for 2015-16 total \$421,937, which is consistent with years past. Expenditures include spending on payroll, startup funds, RA support, technology fees, facilities, office supplies, graduate recruitment bonuses, open house, etc. which is also consistent for with past years spending. For full details, see either Brown or Sue Bernhardt.

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

**Promotion, Reappointment & Merit** (Holzworth/Catling) – Merit recommendations will be discussed in Executive Session.

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

## Old Business

- Creager presented an update on Kerry Key's visit to UW. Key interviewed last month. APL is attempting to secure funding from several departments to support the position. ESS strongly supports the appointment but is unable to provide funding. 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.

## New Business

### Adjourn to Executive Session (3:07 p.m.)

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Minutes by Scott Dakins

Attendees – Faculty: Abramson, Bergantz, Bodin, Bourgeois, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Collins, Conway, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Koutnik, Nelson, Nittrouer, Roe, Sletten, Swanson, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Walters, Winebrenner, Wood.

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