

Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, February 3, 2017
JHN 026 ~ 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Associate Dean Stephanie Harrington spoke on addressing the problem of harassment during fieldwork at remote off-campus sites.

Call to Order - Meeting of the Faculty in Open Session

Department Chair Bruce Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:47pm.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- The **January 6, 2017** Open Session Meeting Minutes were circulated and approved.

2. Announcements

- Discussions regarding harassment during fieldwork; see attached bibliography.
- Building security: Be vigilant about maintaining a safe environment.
- Undocu Ally Training (led by UW's Leadership Without Borders) available to all faculty and grad students – ESS will pay your registration fee if you attend (see Noell for details). Another session will be held in approximately one month.
- Prospective Grad Open House will be held February 23-25. Everyone please make an effort to attend.
- ISO announced that funding requirements for foreign visitors (visiting scholars, VISIT interns, etc.) have risen from \$1800/month to \$2100/month. This is the first increase in four years.
- Faculty are reminded to consider nominating any outstanding undergraduates for the Astronaut Scholarship. Nominations due March 3. (Harnett).
- A workshop on best hiring practices for faculty and graduate students is scheduled for Friday, Feb 10 at 2:30 in room JHN 026. It will be led by Chad Allen, Assoc. Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement.
- UW Photography wants to accompany our students out in the field to document their experiences. Please forward ideas to the Chair.
- Next Community & Diversity Discussion group meeting, led by Sarah Schanz, will be Friday, Feb 10 at 11:30 in JHN 170. All ESS members are encouraged to attend.
- Crider announced that there will be a March for Science on Earth Day, April 22, in support of safeguarding the scientific community from recent policy changes at the Federal level. More info can be found at www.marchforscience.com
- Good news items
 - ESS Research GALA will be held March 30-31, with the reception on the 31st. There will be a wide variety of prizes awarded. Faculty are encouraged to donate, and the Department will match those funds 1:1 with other donor gifts. Grads who have received research funding in the past year are encouraged to present their work at the GALA.

3. Reports and Business

- **Curriculum** (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report.
- **Undergraduate Program** (Roe) – Nothing to report.
- **Graduate Program** (Creager) – Graduate Activity Reports will be sent out in approximately two weeks, and grads have until March 31st to submit them. Faculty have until April 15 to approve.

4. Standing Committees

- **Admissions** (Buick) – The Admissions Committee has admitted 8 prospective grads to date. Today (February 3) is the deadline to invite prospective grads to the Open House February 22-24.
- **Computing** (Harnett) – Nothing to report.
- **MESSAGe** (Crider) – Nothing to report.
- **Oversight** (Brown/McCarthy) – Nothing to report.
- **Prelim** (Schmidt/Steig) – Nothing to report.
- **Promotion, Reappointment & Merit** (Holzworth/Catling) – Will report in Executive Session.
- **Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards** (Bergantz) – We will be opening up the application window on March 1, and it will close on April 3.
- **College Council Representation** (Waddington) – All mandatory promotion cases have been reviewed by the Council, and they are currently on break. Next up will be non-mandatory promotion cases and Adjunct and Affiliate faculty reappointments.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Adjourn to Executive Session (3:15 p.m.)

Minutes by Scott Dakins.

Attendees – Faculty: Abramson, Bergantz, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Creager, Crider, Holzworth, Houston, Huntington, Koutnik, Licht, McCarthy, Nelson, Schmidt, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Walters, Winebrener.

Staff, Students and Guests: Bernhardt, Dakins, Gomberg, Harrington, Kelson, Koehler, McManus, Northway.