Call to Order - Meeting of the Faculty in Open Session
Department Chair Bruce Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:36pm.

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - The February 2, 2018 Faculty Meeting Minutes were circulated and approved.

- Announcements
  - The UW featured a great piece on ESS Field Camp on the uw.edu landing page.
  - A University of Washington innovation award was given to Knut Christianson, Michelle Koutnik and David Shean for the project “Building a digital glacier time machine: Reconstructing past landscapes to help understand the future of water in the western U.S.”
  - Call for nominations for the Mindlin Lecture, Autumn 2018.
  - It is time for our biennial all-department Title IX and Green Dot training with Valery Richardson (Deputy Title IX Coordinator) and Kiana Swearingen (SafeCampus Training and Communications Specialist). Please plan to attend this training on Tuesday, March 6, from 3:30-5:00 in JHN 102.
  - The next All College Seminar will be on May 8, at 4:30. Mark your calendars. A social hour follows.
  - Faculty Activity Reports are DUE March 31.
  - Crisis Response Policy – Contact 911/emergency services first. Then contact the crisis response team: Dean (Graumlich) and/or Associate Dean (Harrington)
  - Next year prospective student dinner will be a week later – on Thursday February 28, 2019. Check calendar for major conflicts.
  - ESS Awards Applications are now open!! Need to apply to get funding (especially undergrads). Deadline to apply is April 1 at 11pm!
  - ESS Research GALA is being held March 28-30 2017, beginning with a poster session on the 28th. Postdoctoral research is being included in the GALA this year. Organizers are still looking for more donations and judges. Contact Cassie Brigham.
  - The next ESS Community Diversity & Community meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14 at 1pm in JHN 170. This is also PI Day, so there will be pie served! We’ll be taking a look at the diversity letter written by UW Biology graduate students and consider revision of our own.

- Reports and Business
  - Curriculum (Teng) – Brief update on DTC admissions. If the College of Arts & Sciences implements DTC, this will have a huge effect on our department. More updates will be forthcoming.
  - Undergraduate Program (Roe) – There are pending changes in grade requirements for our majors. More info to come. Also a new teaching matrix tool has been created and should facilitate the entire teaching assignment process.
  - Graduate Program (Creager) – Announcement regarding GSAR.
• Standing Committees

• Admissions (Buick) – To date, 2 prospective grad students have accepted their offers, and none have declined.

• Computing (Walters) – Network upgrades in ATG. UWIT memo regarding network security updates. Web Alpine email is going away.

• MESSAGe (Crider) – MESSAGe is admitting their 7th cohort. Of 45 applications received, 11 are ESS alumni.

• Oversight (Bergantz/McCarthy) – Nothing to report.

• Prelim (Gorman-Lewis/Stone) – Nothing to report.

• Promotion, Reappointment & Merit (Holzworth/Waddington) – Nothing to report.

• Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards (Stone) – Nothing to report.

• College Council Representation (Bergantz) – College-wide Seminar Series are beginning. First is scheduled for March 6, 2018 and the subject will be West Coast Wildfires.

• Old Business

• New Business

• Adjourn to Executive Session 3:26pm.

Minutes by Scott Dakins
Staff, Students, and Guests: Benson, Bernhard-Kingsley, Brigham, Dakins, Gomberg, Kelson, Koehler.