Minutes

Call to Order – Meeting of the Faculty in Open Session (2:31)

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - Approval of May 1, 2020 open session meeting minutes-
    - Motion to approve meeting minutes (via Catalyst survey)
    - Faculty voted unanimously to approve (22 Yes) on June 5th, 2020.

- Announcements
  - Thank you to those who came to yesterday’s discussion about diversity.
  - We will likely meet this summer to discuss faculty hiring efforts.
  - Wenyuan Fan, our Seismology candidate, declined our offer. He accepted an offer to UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
  - Graduation is going to be pre-recorded and launched via our website (same date/time/format) at approximately 9:15ish on Saturday. See instructions distributed by Noell.

- Reports and Business
  - Undergraduate Program (Roe) – Nothing to report
  - Graduate Program (Catling) – Nothing to report

- Standing Committees
  - Admissions (Buick)
  - Computing (Walters)
    - Ed and Nathan will be doing reimaging and upgrades in the computer labs and at workstations.
    - Anyone who has Win 10 Pro/Enterprise on UW hardware is welcome to switch over to Win 10 server setup. This has more stringent guidelines for when systems can conduct updates.
    - Services provided by UW IT will automatically update.
    - Deadline to opt out is Jun 26 – will send out a reminder email.
    - Matlab pricing has gone up to $160 per seat this coming year.
  - Curriculum (Nelson)
    - We are exploring an undergraduate Physics option that considers all fundamentals of design and undergrad student input.
    - In terms of fund design, technical things have changed at UW so we can require 300 level geomechanics and physics courses.
    - We will explore the substitution of research experience for requirements.
We can consider a hands-on Capstone course. To improve flexibility, we will explore the option of creating sub-options (sequence of courses on various foci of interests) and the ability to substitute Physics courses with others more relevant to individual emphases. This development will continue through next year.

- **Diversity** (Huntington)
  - Notes will be sent out from yesterday’s meeting.
  - Accommodations for students should be heterogeneous, some are not aware, some are flexible.
  - Many courses made week ten final exam optional; **accommodations must be same for everyone**.
  - Eric will send out guidance on grading policies.
  - This is a good short article that helped me reach out to students: How Managers Can (and Should) Address Race and Violence in the News: [https://t.co/YhiwqyM113MESSAGe](https://t.co/YhiwqyM113MESSAGe)

- **Oversite** (Bergantz/Conway) – Nothing to report
- **Prelim** (Gorman-Lewis/Winglee) – Nothing to report
- **Promotion, Merit & Reappointments** (Montgomery/Waddington)
  - Update FAR!
  - Merit will be voted on electronically via Catalyst survey.
  - It is not certain if faculty will receive merit this year.
  - Note that we won legal cases in previous years to secure annual 2%; whether we should get it is different than afford it.

- **Senate** (Stone) – Nothing to report
- **Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards** (Holzworth) – Nothing to report
- **College Council Representation** (Bergantz) – Nothing to report

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**
  - We have not yet received a university decision whether Autumn quarter courses will be online or not. Faculty must be prepared for online instruction. We can anticipate in-person interaction for limited, select activities involved 50 or fewer individuals. We will have the authority to determine our participation in group interactions per our personal comfort.
  - PNSN space is embarking on renovations but also running out of space (membership is increasing). We need to find another space regardless.
    - ATG 154 is a common access room that can possible be converted into office space.
    - We can possibly repurpose other second floor space in ATG to mirror 154 (ATG 210 has more sq. footage however it is a graduate workspace)
- We are soliciting volunteers to provide logistical support and ideas for alternatives to our annual August open days for prospective students (i.e. making a virtual tour; video greetings, etc.). Barbara Owens is our college contact.

- Adjourn to Exec Session – 3:26

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Minutes by: Chris Wren


*Guests:* Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Dakins, Davidge, Greenberg, Hoffman, O'Neil, Wren, Warren