

**Department of Earth and Space
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, April 2, 2021 2:30pm via Zoom**

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Call to Order - Open Session (2:31)

• **Announcements**

- College doomsday scenarios are done. There will not be any anticipated budget changes.
- NSF is offering funding for diversity opportunities, especially in the polar arena.
- Eric Steig provided an update on the Dean search.
- We want to get on top of TA assignment early. Keep an eye out for upcoming TA requests that will go out separately to faculty and students.
- The department is still reviewing prospective PhD candidates. April 15 was the earliest for making any determinations.
- Andy Schauer reported on the department's first Undergraduate Opportunities panel. It went very well – a summary will go out to the department.
- Alison Duvall and Gerard Roe will be on sabbatical through upcoming quarters.
- Committee assignments are still being sorted out. We need new Prelim Committee members.
- ESS is looking into a new website and will form a committee when ready.
- Faculty hiring committees are also being formed for current and future searches. We will solicit for both faculty and graduate volunteers.
- Department faculty will develop a faculty hiring plan for the coming years. For the coming year, we plan on asking for two hires from the Dean's office. We will have additional faculty meetings to continue this discussion.

• **Reports and Business**

- Undergraduate Program (Roe/Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report
- Graduate Program (Catling) – Nothing to report

• **Standing Committees**

- Admissions (Buick) – Roger Buick gave a short announcement on graduate admissions: six acceptances, four decline, seven at the time were in limbo until the April 15 deadline. Those in limbo were being offered incentives. Approximately 12 were anticipated to accept offers.
- Computing (Walters) – Nothing to report
- Curriculum (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report
- Diversity (Huntington) – The Undergraduate Opportunities panel was recorded and archived for future reference.
- MESSAGE (Crider) – Juliet gave an update on MESSAGE admissions. Cohort 10: 15 offers were sent out. A few individuals were on waitlist. Juliet will provide updates in the coming months.
- Oversight (Bergantz) – Nothing to report
- Prelim (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report
- Promotion, Merit & Reappointment (Montgomery/Waddington) - Nothing to report
- Senate (Stone) - Nothing to report
- Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards (Condit) – Awards closed April 19.
- College Council Representation (Bergantz) – Nothing to report

- **Adjourn to Executive Session (3:15)**

Attendance: Bergantz, Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Briley, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Condit, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Crowell, Dakins, Davis, Delight, Denolle, Duvall, Gomberg, Gorman-Lewis, Hartog, Huntington, Lipovsky, Nelson, O'Neill, Pritchard, Reusch, Roe, Schauer, Stanton, Steig, Stone, Swanson, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Walters, Winebrenner, Wren