

University of Washington  
Department of Earth and Space Sciences  
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty in Open Session  
Friday, May 2, 2014 – 2:30 p.m., Johnson Hall 111

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Department Chair Robert Winglee called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

Approval of April 11, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes were circulated for review and were approved.

Meeting synopsis:

1. Announcements
2. Reports and Business
3. Standing Committees
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

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1. Announcements

- a. Cowan showed a video that that was created by the Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas, Austin, that would be a good video to show for recruitment of students to ESS department. Website is [www.beageo.com](http://www.beageo.com).
- b. Congratulations to Noell Bernard-Kingsley for winning the Association of Professional Advisers & Counselors Award.
- c. Awards Ceremony is Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 3:35 p.m.
- d. Winglee reminded faculty that it's time for the Spring Cleanup of ESS 056 and the Sandpoint location. Please go through and label what is yours and include date. Remove anything that does not need to be there. If you need to go to the Sandpoint facility, contact Dave McDougall a week in advance to set an appointment. Deadline for cleanup is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Anything that is left unmarked will be cleaned out this summer.

2. Reports and Business

- a. *Curriculum (Waddington)* – The University is now requiring a diversity course in the student's curriculum. ESS currently does not have a course that fulfills this requirement. Discussion was held regarding creating (or looking into the previous course taught by Collins), and working with the College of Arts & Sciences to fulfill the diversity requirement as well as be an opportunity to expose students to ESS.
- b. *Undergraduate Program (Roe)* – Nothing to report
- c. *Graduate Program (Creager)* – An email is being sent out to graduates to submit their Progress reports. Several are still missing and advisers need to approve them.

3. Standing Committees

- a. *Admissions (Buick)* - Buick reported that 10 have been admitted, two are outstanding. The remaining they are planning on denying by next Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Any changes please let Buick know immediately.
  - a. *Computing (Harnett)* Nothing to report

- b. *Development (Winglee)* – Nothing to report
  - c. *Oversight (Conway/Schmidt)* – Report will be discussed at June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - d. *Prelim (Brown/Cowan/Gorman-Lewis)* – Nothing to report
  - e. *Promotions, Reappointment, Merit (Bourgeois/Holzworth/Steig)* – Review in executive session.
  - f. *Scholarships, Fellowships, & Awards (Stone)* – Stone announced that the Awards committee has met and this year it is oversubscribed both on RA requests and support funding. Graduate Research Support requests were for \$39k + and availability is \$15,829. Committee is trying to fund the students somewhat, but their requests are going to be drastically reduced. Nine RA's are able to be funded this year. Funds for RA's are less because of increase of salary raises (10% each year) and tuition increases. Winglee did indicate that the endowment funds are back up to "pre-crash" values with the same rate of return.
    - i. Noted by faculty the importance of fundraising and development to create endowments for student awards. Need to focus more on graduate level as most donors like to give to the undergraduate programs.
4. Old Business
- a. None to review
5. New Business
- a. None to report
6. Adjournment
- a. The open session adjourned to the Executive Session at 3:07 p.m.

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*Minutes by:* April Huff

*Attendees - Faculty:* Abramson, Bergantz, Bourgeois, Buick, Catling, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Hallet, Holzworth, Houston, Koutnik, Montgomery, Nelson, Nesbitt, Odom, Roe, Steig, Stone, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Warren, Winglee (Chair), Wood.

*Staff, Students, and Guests:* Bernhardt, Gauglitz, Hansen, Huff, Ploskey, Sumner