

University of Washington  
Department of Earth and Space Sciences  
Meeting of Academic and Research Faculty  
Friday, April 3 2015 ~ 2:30 p.m. Johnson Hall 111

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Department Chair Robert Winglee called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

Approval of March 6, 2015 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. Molly McCarthy, John Meyer, and Jen Davison from the College of the Environment presented the science communication, outreach, and engagement program that assists faculty with training and tools when reaching out to the public. Examples of support available is for preparing a press release, working with media and policymakers, or making effective presentations. Any further questions, they can be reached at [coenvcom@uw.edu](mailto:coenvcom@uw.edu).
- b. Noell Bernard-Kingsley presented information from the following website regarding student mental wellness: <http://www.intheforefront.org/help/concerned>. The information was presented to encourage faculty to be aware of signs if a student may harm themselves. If a student is in need, do not leave them alone, rather walk them to Hall Health or contact Student Services for assistance. If you need more information, please contact Noell.
- c. ESS Annual Awards will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:40 p.m. in JHN 102.
- d. Reminder that Geobiology Candidate Interviews begin next week on April 9<sup>th</sup> and go through May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- e. The Chair Search Committee has been selected and will be setting dates/times to meet with the faculty. The committee consists of Tom Ackerman, Greg Ettl, Carolyn Friedman, and ESS rep Drew Gorman-Lewis.

## 2. Reports and Business

- a. *Curriculum (Huntington/Roe)* – Nothing to Report
- b. *Undergraduate Program (Roe)* – Nothing to Report
- c. *Graduate Program (Creager)* – Nothing to Report

## 3. Standing Committees

- a. *Admissions (Buick)* – Buick reported that nine (9) students have officially accepted, five (5) rejected, one (1) has accepted but waiting a year to attend, three (3) are outstanding, and two (2) more are planning to visit.

- b. *Computing (Harnett)* –JHN 366 computers have all been replaced and upgraded with programs installed. If you use something that has an old java script, make sure to test computers to confirm that program will function. Old computers will be available at a later announced date. Remote computers are working great so far. Tell Ed Mulligan if there are any problems. Projectors are going to slowly be replaced and JHN 021 computers will be the next upgrade.
- c. *Oversight Committee (Brown/Gillespie)* – Nothing to Report
- d. *Prelim (Brown/Cowan/Gorman-Lewis)* – Nothing to Report
- e. *Promotion, Reappointment, Merit (Bourgeois/Holzworth/Catling)* – Report in Executive Session
- f. *Scholarship, Fellowship, and Awards (Bergantz)* –
  - i. Student applications and faculty recommendations are due Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> by 5pm.
  - ii. Bergantz was discussing with the faculty the idea of sending in nominations for exceptional seniors to be considered for the Merrill Award instead of the criteria being weighted on grade point average. Nominations could be sent in and the awards committee could review and make a decision. This idea will not go into effect this quarter, rather something to consider for next year.

#### 4. Old Business

#### 5. New Business

- a. Due to the construction, when there is a need to vacate the building, evacuate towards Mary Gates or Fountain. Do not try to go in the courtyard area.
- b. Loading the vans for field trips is becoming difficult due to construction. Arrangements can be made ahead of time to have the bollards removed and can drive down to the north doors.

#### 6. Adjournment

- a. The faculty adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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*Minutes by:* April Huff

*Attendees - Faculty:* Abramson, Bergantz, Bodin, Bourgeois, Buick, Conway, Cowan, Creager, Gillespie, Gorman-Lewis, Harnett, Holzworth, Houston, Koutnik, McCarthy, Montgomery, Nelson, Nittrouer, Roe, Schmidt, Stone, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Winglee (Chair), Wood.

*Staff, Students, and Guests:* Bernard-Kingsley, Bernhardt, Gomberg, Hansen, Huff, Schanz, Schleicher