

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

Department Chair Bruce Nelson, called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Approval of the June 5, 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. Introduction of Lauren McOwen, new Office Assistant
- b. Various good news announcements
  - Alexis Licht will begin September 1, 2016
  - Jody Bourgeois received the Sloss Award from the Sedimentary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America (GSA). The award will be presented at the GSA on November 3, 2015.
  - Ian Joughin was announced as a newly elected AGU fellow.
  - Faculty and professional staff received merit increases as of 9/1/15
  - Next year's merit increases are projected to be at 1.8% and the Department may have to pay the difference to bring the increases up to 2%
  - The Department's endowment total is just over \$5 million, and it would be great if we could double this amount during the UW campaign.
  - The year's colloquia speakers will present expertise from within the Department and the schedule filled very quickly. Thank you to all volunteers.
  - UW Innovation Award opportunity announced. The UW is looking to give \$250K for two years (without overhead) for high risk innovation. Please do not pass-up this opportunity.
- c. Alan Gillespie's retirement party will be at the Burke Museum, Wednesday, October 7, at 5:30pm
- d. Please report all Field Camp accidents and all other incidents or injury through OARS
- e. PPL requests (sabbaticals) due to Bruce by November 18, 2015

- f. Visa extensions and date changes
  - The department pays the fee for the initial visa application. If the incoming visitor needs to change their dates or wants to extend their visit and a new DS2019 form needs to be re-issued, the sponsor or visitor will be responsible for additional charges. Depending on the circumstances, costs range from \$45 to \$213 per charge. This information will be updated shortly on the *International Visitor Request Form* on the ESS intranet.
  - Other visa notes: Please allow a minimum of three months prior to the visitor's arrival when requesting a visa. They are taking much longer to issue.
  
- g. Reminder about Teaching Matrix – Please let Roe know about buyouts and PPL's as soon as possible.

## 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)* – Nothing to report
- b. *Computing (Harnett)* – Tabled until next meeting
- c. *Oversight (Brown/McCarthy)* – Will report in spring quarter
- d. *Prelim (Gorman-Lewis/Schmidt)* – To present during Executive Session
- e. *Promotion, Reappointment & Merit (Holzworth/Catling)* – To present at Executive Session
- f. *Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards (Bergantz)* – Nothing to report

4. Old Business - none

5. New Business - none

6. Adjournment

- a. The faculty adjourned at 3:05pm

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*Minutes by:* Sue Bernhardt

*Attendees - Faculty:* Abramson, Bergantz, Bodin, Bourgeois, Brown, Buick, Christianson, Collins, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Holzworth, Koutnik, McCarthy, Nelson (Chair), Nittrouer, Odom, Roe, Schmidt, Sletten, Stone, Swanson, Teng, Vidale, Waddington, Walters, Winebrenner.

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