

**Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, June 5, 2020
Remote Zoom Meeting – 2:30 p.m.**

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>
 - **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

Minutes by: Chris Wren

Attendees: Bodin, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Condit, Conway, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Holzworth, Huntington, Koutnik, Licht, Nelson, Roe, Schmidt, Steig, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Walters

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