

**Department of Earth and Space  
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty  
Friday, December 4, 2020 2:30pm via Zoom**

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order - Open Session (2:32)**

- **Announcements**

- Welcome Marine Denolle and Brad Lipovsky!
- Competitive Murdoch Grant extended until March
- Welcome new Grad Reps!
- There will be no holiday party this year.
- John Horn gave a presentation introducing CICOES (formerly JISAO).
- In Geology collegiate news, the University of Vermont is proposing to close their Geology department.
- Eric will ask for the formation of an ad hoc committee to review TA policy and procedural changes to avoid future challenges.

- **Reports and Business**

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

- **Standing Committees**

- Admissions (Buick) – Nothing to report
- **Computing** (Walters) – There will be a shut down in JHN to do some repairs on main fuse breaker through the weekend. There are discussions to replace QR freezers.
- Curriculum (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report
- **Diversity** (Huntington)
  - The committee proposed to update guidelines and policy for FAR to include language about DEI in the narrative about what you are doing. This is not meant to be prescriptive. It aligns with the faculty code. Faculty will vote on this in executive session.
  - The faculty voted unanimously to accept the colloquium policy recently proposed by Cailey Condit.
  - Next quarter push: equity and opportunity for undergraduate affairs, among other things. Send Kate an email if you are interested in participating or contributing.
- **MESSAGE** (Crider) –
  - Comprehensive exams started at the beginning of the quarter.
  - There were 10 taking comps, and 9 were invited back.
  - By second faculty mtg, everyone had passed.
- Oversight (Bergantz/Winglee) – 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) – Nothing to report
- College Council Representation (Bergantz) – Nothing to report

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**
- **Adjourn to Executive Session (3:29)**

Attendees:

Bergantz, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Creager, Crider, Denolle, Duvall, Fudge, Gorman-Lewis, Huntington, Koutnik, Lipovsky, Montgomery, Nelson, Sletten, Steig, Stone, Swanson, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Walters, Winebrenner, Winglee

Guests:

Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Crowell, Dakins, Davis, DeSanto, Gomberg, Hoffman, Horne, Mulligan, O'Neill, Pritchard, Reusch, Stanton, Wren