

**Department of Earth and Space
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, January 6, 2023 2:30 pm in JHN 022**

MINUTES

Call to Order - Open Session (2:31 PM)

Announcements

- **Welcome new faculty and visiting scientists**
 - Welcome Akshay Mehra!
 - Shout out Chris for working through all these visa issues!
 - Visiting scientists (sponsored by Fangzhen)
 - Two visiting scholars, not here for very long (office will be on first floor)
 - David Schmidt
 - New postdoc just arrived (Jey K.)
 - Alison Duvall
 - New post doc (Larry L.)
 - Brad Lipovsky
 - New post doc (Ethan Williams)
 - New Advancement person: recently hired Eryn Boyles. Eryn has been at UW for a long time and knows a lot of our alums.
- **WFA training (Noell)**
 - Deadline: Friday 13th. Currently only 17 currently signed up, and have room for 30 people. Department is covering the cost for any of our personnel.
 - Please fill out survey, for faculty/staff/students
 - Leftover seats offered to other units.
 - Eric will send out an announcement.
- **Harold Tobin**
 - USGS hosting a series of workshops; Harold can forward agendas to anyone interested
- **New CoENV Student Advisory Council representative (Drew)**
 - Amanda Syamsul and Paul Morgan will serve as student community representatives to the Dean's office.
 - If they have students with complaints, comments, suggestions, would love to hear those and bring them to the Dean herself

- Will make a slide to send around, on website on Dean's office website
- **GPC (Catling)**
 - David is no longer the graduate program coordinator. Please direct further inquiries to Professor Fangzhen Teng, the new graduate coordinator.
- **Search committees updates**
 - Closing date was Tuesday; ~150 applicants for two positions combined.
 - Research faculty: (Harold) seismo/geodesy, 7 applicants and they have a recommendation for proceeding
 - Planetary (David Catling), 6 applications, no recommendation yet.
- **GeoClub Spring Break Trip (Stone)**
 - GeoClub spring break trip: Grand Canyon. In need of a faculty member to accompany them. Any volunteers? Would be great to have someone there who knows the geology and can talk to them about it. Department will fund a graduate student to accompany the group.
 - About 10-12 students. After exam week, spring break. Will go for 6-7 days.
 - Noell: If it is connected to any credits academically, usually because there is a seminar, whoever leads the trip needs to be listed as an instructor.
 - **Difference between taking students on a trip, and taking students on a class field trip (how this is "coded"). Has not always been one of the regular faculty, sometimes people who teach field camps, etc.
- **Student technology fee (Stone)**
 - Now is the time to put in 1-2 proposals. The proposals must come from students. Deadline Unknown. **This is the time to apply** - A LOT of money available.
 - (1) Rock preparation lab complete renovation is within the scope of a STF proposal. Already several undergrads and grads behind this idea (the more students signing on, the better a chance this has of passing).
- **Jan. 22 faculty retreat update**
 - See slides

Standing Committees Announcements

- Undergraduate Program (Gorman-Lewis)
- Graduate Program (Catling)
- **Admissions (Buick)**
 - Application deadline was midnight January 5. ~180 applications in total.
 - Main areas of interest: 29 astro, 24 planetary, 20 geomorph, 14 petrology/min/geochem, 13 climate/paleoclimate.

- More applications for the masters program than usual - 40 (research program). No MESSAGE applications this year; some of the people applying to the research program would have applied to MESSAGE.
- **Admissions - Open House Discussion**
 - General feeling from faculty and staff is that bringing students in individually worked well last year, allowing for more flexibility for students who would not have been able to make it to an official open house. Travel constraints can make it difficult to get everyone here at the same time.
 - General feeling from graduate students was the opposite. They want one open house. The approach last year felt disorganized with not one, but several smaller open houses. The graduate students under the advisors bringing in students felt unprepared, that they did not have enough time planning last minute logistics, and that spreading these activities over several weeks was a lot more work with a significant burden placed on individual graduate students.
- Computing (Walters)
- Curriculum (Crider)
- Diversity (Tobin)
- MESSAGE (Crider)
- Oversight (Bergantz, Roe)
- Prelim (Stone, Schmidt)
- **Promotion, Merit & Reappointment (Montgomery, Catling)**
 - Exec Session
- **Senate (Stone)**
 - The senate spent a great deal of time trying to find out dispute resolution procedures since winter quarter last year. Still not at the end of it. Will generate legislation at some point. Subcommittee of the senate is meeting to craft procedures used to codify procedures (conflict resolution) involving disciplinary actions against faculty, up until now is in the hands of the chair, with not a lot of oversight. Generated a HUGE amount of discussion. Long and complicated procedure is being proposed.
- Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards (Condit)
- College Council Representation (Schmidt)
- **Safety (Schauer)**
 - Successful end of quarter for safety! All of the old documentation/templates is all updated on the website.
 - Field trip registration form is now up with version 2. All field trips (research, geoclub, etc.) have to be registered with the department. Simple form to collect basic information. If generating class list, risk assessments, they can be submitted at different times.

- Emphasize field trip registration form is a way to inform the chair that you are taking students out in the field; if there is a crash and the chair or Scott gets called, they have a clue who is out there and what happens.
- “ESS field trip documentation policy”: has everything people should do.
- We have AEDs purchased! 4 of them. One on subfloor, one on 1st, one on 3rd, one in PNSN.

Adjourn to Executive Session (3:21)

Attendance: [faculty] Bodin, Buick, Catling, Condit, Crider, Gorman-Lewis, Koutnik, Mehra, Montgomery, Schmidt, Steig, Stone, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Winebrenner; [guests] Bernard-Kingsley, Brown, Caton, Dakins, DeSanto, Journaux, Lindquist, Morgan, Morey, Reusch (2), Schauer, Shumway, Syamsul