

**Department of Earth and Space
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, 6/2/23, 2:30 pm in JHN 022**

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Call to Order - Open Session (2:30PM)

In Attendance: [faculty] Bergantz, Bodin, Buick, Catling, Condit, Denolle, Fudge, Gorman-Lewis, Krissansen-totton, Lipovsky, Mehra, Roe, Schmidt, Steig, Stone, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Walters. [guests] Bernard-Kingsley, Dakins, Lingquist, Shumway, Wren, Caton, Briley, Gomberg, Schauer, DeSanto, Crowell, Journaux.

Announcements and Business

- **Strategic Plan update** (Roe)
 - Committee is open for feedback through the summer, and will meet in the fall (2023) to incorporate feedback into the plan. Committee will circulate the latest draft.
- **Graduation** reminder – Friday June 9. Reception at 4:15, Ceremony at 5 PM.
- **Chair's Priorities** (Steig) Discussed chair's priorities for next year: Space, salary equity (particularly for teaching faculty) and budget projections. Dean has been asked to form a committee to select a new Chair to start July 1, 2024.
- **Curriculum and MESSAGE update** (Steig)
 - Presented outline of curriculum changes from the Curriculum Committee. The Committee will bring a specific proposal for the curriculum and MESSAGE program early in the Autumn quarter.
- **Surface processes update**
 - Formal offers extended to Isaac Larsen and Eric Deal.
- **Colloquium** – Nominations are open for all of next year. [Form here](#).
- **Field camp** – The Seattle-based ESS 401 field experience is the core capstone experience for the indefinite future. There are other capstone experiences too, and the revised curriculum will codify these. But 401 remains the primary field-experience class. **Faculty should not be discouraging students from taking this class, but should be supporting those faculty who are running it. It has received very positive feedback from students, and is just as intellectually rigorous a field experience as the previous Montana class.**
- **GSA** – October 16, Pittsburgh. We will have an alumni reception but need volunteers to help organize and take over responsibilities from Darrel. Summer and Darrel are available to help.

- **Grad student comments** – Please include students on the curriculum committee and in MESSAGE discussions. We can ask for MESSAGE alumni input as well. *Chair's note: The curriculum committee does already have student reps.*

Standing Committees Announcements

- **Undergraduate Program** (Gorman-Lewis)
 - ESS 298: Exploring Opportunities in Earth and Space Sciences (2 credits) will be offered in the fall. Will cover topics such as networking, careers in geosciences, undergrad research, and grad school.
 - **Please point students to this class.**
- **Graduate Program** (Teng)
 - College offering a new class on teaching for graduate students (1 credit)
 - Similar resources for faculty–Environment Fellows program for young faculty on teaching.
 - **Student Publications – faculty/Pis please put together a list of your student publications for the website.** We have 130 years of history that we can showcase! Good resource for alumni as well.
- **Computing** (Walters)
 - Data privacy - don't store student information on your computer unless you are totally confident how to secure it. Best practice is to leave all such materials only on the official (Canvas, etc.) UW servers.
 - A policy proposal for CompHelp services was presented, noting the work burden currently placed on staff with the growing number of faculty who do high-level computing. For now, these are requests – supported by the Chair – but not a new formal policy. New policy may be introduced in the fall.
- **Prelim** (Stone, Schmidt)
 - An update to the Prelim guide was outlined, and a final version will be completed and communicated in the fall.
- **Safety** (Schauer) - general update
 - AEDs are installed on the Ground floor, 1st and 3rd floor in the elevator corridor, and one in PNSN. First aid kits available for check out for field trips (constant Kristin Evans)
 - There will be a first aid/CPR session for students taking ESS 401. **If any faculty are interested in taking it, email Kristin.** 1.5 hour online version to complete before in person session on June 20th.
 - Field trip documentation resources are available on intranet.

Adjourn to Executive Session (3:47PM)