

Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, December 7, 2018
JHN 011 ~ 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order - Meeting of the Faculty in Open Session

Department Chair Ken Creager called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - The **November 2, 2018** Faculty Meeting Minutes were circulated and approved.

- **Reports and Business**
 - **Curriculum** (Schmidt) – Update on plan for undergrad degree options and curriculum changes. See attached documents “Preliminary curriculum changes December 18” for details.
 - **General consensus:**
 - 21x/31x course content changes were all approved.
 - Approved of a more structured geology option and agreed that we would need to maintain a flexible (but not "watered down") General BS degree.
 - Need to reconsider what to call this latter option - perhaps just Geoscience. Also need to better articulate the learning goals/target audience for this option.
 - Discussion on which 31x courses to require
 - The discussion and feedback will be incorporated into our plan, and the curriculum committee will present the next steps in a faculty meeting in 2019.

- **Announcements**
 - Holiday food drive, there is a bin in the front office where you can make donations
 - A new whale fossil “*Maiabalaena Nesbittae*” was named to honor Elizabeth Nesbitt for her lifetime contribution to paleontology
 - GeoClub needs a faculty member or grad student to lead their spring break trip/seminar and is looking for volunteers
 - Faculty reviews for Assistant and Associate Professors will begin in winter term, Michelle Barr will be contacting you to set up the meeting. Please update your CV and personal statement on the Faculty Activity report.
 - Reminder Enhanced Computing Support requests due to Scott Dakins by December 15.
 - The Open House for prospective graduate students will be from February 27 to March 3. The departmental dinner will be held on the evening of February 28.
 - The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 9th
 - TA evaluation will be sent out today, December 7, 2018. They will be due the first day of winter term January 7, 2019.
 - Neal Buckland, a local photographer, has been working with Tony Irving to make thin-section photomicrographs of meteorites. He will be hosting an open-house exhibit of the work at his studio in Sodo, noon-6pm this Saturday Dec 8, for anyone interested in attending. Tony will be speaking briefly about the meteorites themselves at 2 and 4 pm. The event is at: REDred Photo School & Studio, 815 Seattle Blvd S. #327, Seattle (off 6th Ave and Airport Way, a few blocks south of the train station).
 - Reminder to make yearend donations to the “Friends of ESS fund,” this fund helps the department throw events like our awards ceremony and graduation celebration.
 - New photo board is up outside of the front office.
 - Harold Tobin will be awarded the 2018 Paul G. Silver Award for Outstanding Scientific Service at the upcoming AGU fall meeting.

- **Reports and Business**

- **Undergraduate Program** (Roe)- Nothing to report
- **Graduate Program** (Catling) –
 - Update on CoEnv and approach to grad student numbers. There has been a decline in the graduate student numbers in the CoENV. The College will be looking at:
 - Why this is happening (Less funding, Grad students are more expensive...)?
 - What is the “right size” for our graduate student population
 - How to attract the best students, to support the Provost’s initiative
 - Comparing payroll information, TA vs. RA
 - Catling to report on college findings
 - The department should be thinking about what is the “right” number of graduate students for ESS
- **Standing Committees**
 - **Admissions** (Buick) –
 - The deadline for applications is Jan 5
 - Faculty, please think about how many students you would like to take on. An info sheet will be sent out to ask about the number of students you will be taking on and funding strategy (TA vs RA)
 - **Computing** (Walters) – Nothing to report.
 - **Diversity** (Huntington)
 - AGU is coming up, Kate will send out the AGU policy document for diversity
 - Next topic will be on nominations for awards.
 - **MESSAGE** (Crider) –Nothing to Report
 - **Oversight** (Bergantz/Conway) –Nothing to report.
 - **Prelim** (Gorman-Lewis/Winglee) – Nothing to report
 - **Promotion, Reappointment & Merit** (Steig) – Eric Steig retention package has been worked out with the Dean. The package will be finalized when Eric returns from the field in February
 - **Senate** (TBA) – Nothing to report
 - **Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards** (Stone) – Nothing to report.
 - **College Council Representation** (Bergantz/Steig) – Nothing to report.
- **Old Business**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Business**
 - Mike Brown-Discussion on administration’s plan to undertake the 3rd review of ABB in January. There is an upcoming discussion with the Provost on “faculty perspectives” on ABB. The Provost, will be looking at ABB2 to see if this scheme solved issues with allocation of funds from ABB1.
 - Provost thinks the faculty should be driving the governance and wants to hear from units (units are college level)
 - Does CoENV have a clear faculty governance? Are the faculty consulted and agree on issues?
- **Adjourn to Executive Session** (4:20 p.m.)

Minutes by Michelle Barr.

Attendees: Faculty –Bergantz, Brown, Buick, Catling, Collins, Conway, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Gorman-Lewis, Huntington, Licht, Nelson, Nittrouer, Roe, Schmidt, Stone, Teng, Tobin, Toner, Waddington, Walters, Winglee, Staff, Students, and Guests: Barr, Benson, Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Dakins, King, Oxley, Russell, Scott