

**Department of Earth and Space  
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty  
Friday, January 8, 2021 2:30pm via Zoom**

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**MINUTES**

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

*Previous month's meeting minutes to be voted upon via online Catalyst vote*

- **Announcements**
  - Robert Winglee and Minze Stuiver passings
  - ESS Program Review and priorities for the year
  - Paros Chair nomination
    - Jerry Paros is a geophysicist and the founder of Paros Science in Redmond, WA.
    - Harold Tobin was nominated to hold the endowed chair. Formal announcement to be held in February.
  - Vote on our ESS Bake-Off submissions
  - Priorities for the upcoming year:
    - 10-year review is delayed until Fall 2022. Nonetheless, please begin preparing documentation.
    - Space Grant management is causing administrative delays. Please be patient.
    - Push to reopen Planetary Sciences faculty search. We will possibly reinterview previous candidates.
    - Budget cuts are being proposed. We will need to figure out how to absorb them.
      - Most absorption can be accommodating with existing retirements.
      - Allocation of TAs and RAs will require advanced planning.
    - We will be reviewing our utilizing of space to accommodate upcoming changes.
  - Update emergency contacts in Workday
  - Fang-zhen Teng gave a presentation on ESS alumni outreach.
- **Reports and Business**
  - Student Grad Reps (Kelsay Stanton)
    - The graduate students are doing a newsletter this year.
    - They will set up an online comment box.
  - Undergraduate Program (Roe) – Nothing to report
  - Graduate Program (Catling) – David Catling provided an update regarding a modification to the Grad Student Activity Report
- **Standing Committees**
  - Admissions (Buick) – Nothing to report
  - Computing (Walters) – Nothing to report
  - Curriculum (Gorman-Lewis) – Drew Gorman-Lewis provided an update on Math course numberings are changing, 300 to 200.
    - Math 307 and 308 are pertinent to us as prereqs
    - We will need to update our course prereqs accordingly.
  - Diversity (Huntington) – Kate Huntington provided an update on best practices to reduce bias in graduate admissions.

- MESSAGE (Crider) – Nothing to report
  - Oversight (Bergantz) – 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 (3:35)**

Attendees: Brown, Catling, Christianson, Condit, Creager, Crier, Duvall, Fudge, Gorman-Lewis, Huntington, Koutnik, McCarthy, Montgomery, Nelson, Roe, Sletten, Steig, Stone, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Walters, Winebrenner

Guests: Anderson, Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Carrara, Cleveland-Stout, Cowan, Crowell, Dakins, Delight, Denolle, Fesalbon, Griffith, Hartog, Lipovsky, Morey, O’Neill, Pritchard, Reusch, Schauer, Shumway, Stanton, Warren, Wren, Yao