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

- Announcements
  - Knut Christianson was successfully promoted to Associate Professor.
  - Ed Waddington announced his retirement and request for emeritus status.
  - The Dean gave us permission to proceed with a planetary faculty search. Eric encourages graduate students to become involved in the hiring activities as we approach planetary, and other, faculty hiring efforts (including the upcoming Dean search).
  - James Fesalbon accepted a position outside of the Department. The position for his replacement will be posted.
  - Graduate Student Open House is coming up and will offer virtual meetings, seminars and other opportunities to speak with students.
  - Scott Dakins provided a staffing update. We are in the process of hiring new office staff.
  - We will consider new committees to address department and curricular needs, and Eric is accepting volunteers.
  - We need volunteers to aid in developing a new ESS website.
  - Thank you to those who have contributed to the upcoming ESS Gala.
  - ESS Colloquium is accepting nominations for Distinguished Lecture Series speakers. Cailey Condit and Brad Lipovsky will be sharing a Google Doc for nominations.

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

- Standing Committees
  - Admissions (Buick) – The admissions committee have extended offers to candidates. Five have thus far accepted.
  - Computing (Walters) – Nothing to report
  - Curriculum (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report
  - Diversity (Huntington) – DEI presented a brief report. There will be an undergrad opportunities panel during the week of the ESS Gala. This event will be a community discussion and will include reflections on students’ experiences. DEI also gave a reminder about our resources for reporting departmental feedback.
  - 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) – Awards nominations are open via a Google form. They close on April 5. Nominate people and encourage your students to apply.
  - College Council Representation (Bergantz) – Nothing to report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn to Executive Session (3:19pm)