

**Department of Earth and Space
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, March 5, 2021 2:30pm via Zoom**

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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)**

Attendance: Bergantz, Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Brown, Buick, Carrara, Catling, Christianson, Cleveland-Stout, Condit, Cowan, Crider, Dakins, Davis, Delight, Fudge, Gomberg, Gonzalez, Gorman-Lewis, Griffith, Hoffman, Huntington, Koutnik, Lipovsky, Montgomery, Nelson, O'Neill, Pritchard, Reusch (2), Roe, Schauer, Sletten, Stanton, Steig, Stone, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Walters, Wren