

**Department of Earth and Space
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, December 3, 2021 2:30pm JHN 022**

MINUTES

Call to Order - Open Session

- Vote to approve November Open Session meeting minutes TBD online via Catalyst
- **Announcements**
 - Melissa Pritchard was awarded the [APAC](#) Adviser of the Month Award for November 2021
 - Joseph Vance passing
 - memorial service Sunday (talk to Darrel)
 - heavy financier of dept fellowships etc
 - Paul Umhofer (former PhD student) passed away
 - No holiday party this year
 - Alternative activities for fundraising and socializing will be determined later
 - Kudos to GeoClub folks for planning alternate activities
 - Retiring faculty
 - Proposed that they will lead fieldtrips
 - Two recent retirees: congrats and thank you to Ken, Ed (and Bruce)
 - Update on planetary sciences – Ana Grau-Galofre withdrew; pursuing Josh Krissansen-Totton
 - There will be a small raise for grad students this year (hopefully winter quarter) 3%; Eric will provide a follow-up on this
- **Standing Committees**
 - Undergraduate Program (Gorman-Lewis) – Nothing to report
 - Graduate Program (Catling)
 - Discussed student application program for waiver of admission fee (\$85)
 - Our dept would fund this; reviewing how to assess financial need (lack of consistency across depts); adopting Geography's policy
 - Applications to wave fees reviewed by grad admissions committee
 - Admissions (Huntington)
 - Kate will provide an update on Admissions timelines; application deadline Jan 5; admit by Jan. 27; ESS will support individual admitted students for visits (provided they are admitted by 1/27)
 - We are borrowing practice that Civil Engineering employs
 - PCC scholarship deadline
 - Our AGU Bridge Program Application (aids in recruitment of students from underrepresented groups) was declined; we received great feedback nonetheless
 - Computing (Walters)
 - Provided an update on labs, camera setups and a new “help desk” hire
 - Curriculum (Nelson)
 - Long-term strategy re: ABB (decline in interest) – exercise interest in DL courses
 - More ABB money coming to dept (extra 86k in permanent budget)
 - DEI Policy (Teng)
 - College DEI task finally has a full-page questionnaire (will post q's on

- website)
- Send suggestions to Eric to forward on feedback
- MESSAGE (Crider) – Nothing to report
- Oversight (Roe) – Nothing to report
- Prelim (Stone, Creager)
 - Prelims are over; Ken and John received extensive suggestions for improvements; John drafting a summary
 - Next step is to get suggestions to Bruce and Gerard
- Promotion, Merit & Reappointment (Brown) – Nothing to report
- Senate (Stone) – Nothing to report
- Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards (Condit) – Nothing to report
- College Council Representation (Schmidt)
 - Discussed 40% rehire parameters
 - Kudos to Eric for work on negotiating this recurring challenge
- Safety (Schauer)
 - Provided an update on AEDs: please inform Eric if you are interested in investing in these
 - Field Safety template almost ready for dept review
 - We hope to be made aware of accidents and fleet services issues
 - If fleet vehicle experiences are insufficient – contact Carl Hagle

- **Additional Business**

- **Adjourn to Executive Session**