

**Department of Earth and Space
Sciences Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, February 4, 2022 2:30pm via Zoom**

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Call to Order - Open Session (2:32)

• **Announcements**

- The grad reps need additional workspace, including privacy space for hybrid learning. They have also requested a community space.
- We are now getting functioning freezers!
- The 2022 Gala is coming up! Please consider opening your availability in early April to contribute/participate. Tristan Bench sent out information for the event – contact him if you have any questions. The event will be in person unless otherwise advertised.
- Cailey Condit presented a summer internship opportunity at UW, RESESS. It targets underrepresented groups to increase diversity in the natural sciences. (See addenda)
- Drew Gorman-Lewis presented about the UW Early Scholars Program. It's a new undergraduate research program and targets retention of underrepresented groups after their first year. (See addenda)
- Dean Maya Tolstoy joined us for an introduction, to take questions and observe.
- Eric and Scott are still developing the TA assignments for Spring quarter. Please send in your requests if you have not done so already.

• **Standing Committees**

- Undergraduate Program (Gorman-Lewis) –
- Graduate Program (Catling) –
- Admissions (Huntington)
 - Kate sent out a summary of the admissions process earlier in the week. The committee is streamlining the process, especially with the move away from MyGrad.
 - So far, they have admitted about 16 students. Next step in process is awards, fellowships and scholarships as recruitment incentive. Online recruitment forms must be filled out ASAP. Awards will be dispersed the following week.
- Computing (Walters)
 - All classrooms are now equipped with hand-held Zoom cameras. There are also connections for connecting to laptops. Instructions are available on a department wiki page. Email comphelp@ if you need assistance.
 - JHN 027 now has speakers. Conference room in JHN 241 has been upgraded. Chair's conference room (JHN 070K) and ATG 210 also due to upgrades.
- Curriculum (Nelson) –
- Diversity (Teng)
 - Any new graduate or prospective students who are interested in speaking with the DEI committee may do so by contacting Tamara Aranguiz.
 - Department photo day will be March 17 (during colloquium). Location TBD.

- The committee has presented Eric with an updated DEI statement. Eric will share with the department.
 - MESSAGE (Crider) –
 - Oversight (Roe) –
 - Prelim (Stone, Creager) –
 - Promotion, Merit & Reappointment (Brown) –
 - Senate (Stone) -
 - Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards (Condit) –
 - College Council Representation (Schmidt)
 - Safety (Schauer)
 - Andy is soliciting feedback for field trip safety measures (field class, research excursion, undergrad course...). Can be formal documentation or informal statements – all will help us construct formal guidelines.
 - The safety section of the department website is also being updated with templates and a safety plan.
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- **Adjourn to Executive Session (3:35)**

Attendance: [faculty] Bergantz, Brown, Buick, Catling, Christianson, Condit, Conway, Cowan, Creager, Crider, Denolle, Fudge, Gorman-Lewis, Huntington, Koutnik, Lipovsky, Montgomery, Nelson, Schmidt, Sletten, Steig, Stone, Teng, Tobin, Waddington, Walters; [guests] Bench, Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Crowell, Dakins, Elam, Morey, O’Neil, Reusch, Schauer, Shumway, Smith, Tolstoy, Wren