

Department of Earth and Space Sciences
Meeting of the Faculty
Friday, December 6, 2019 JHN 022 - 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Insuring Departmental Equipment- Stephanie Harrington

- College page on the CoENV insurance policy:
<https://environment.uw.edu/intranet/research/equipment-insurance-incentive-policy/>
- PI are responsible to insure their equipment
- College covers ½ of the deductible if your equipment is insured
- You can put insurance into direct costs on your grants proposals in most cases
- Any questions can be addressed to Stephanie Harrington

Call to Order - Meeting of the Faculty in Open Session

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Approval of **November 1, 2019** Faculty Meeting Minutes.- Approved
- **New Business**
 - **Budget report/discussion:** Stephanie Harrington and Scott Dakins- Moved to the executive session.
- **Announcements**
 - 10 year program review was scheduled for 2020-2021 and is being delayed a year at the request of Dean Graumlich.
 - Reminder that final grades for Autumn quarter are DUE by 5PM on Tuesday, December 17
 - The Holiday Party will be held directly after today's faculty meeting in JHN 170
 - Front office is hosting a holiday food drive for the university district foodbank. The food drive will be going until mid-January.
 - The search for the new chair is underway, the report has been given to the dean and negotiations have started.
 - Other Announcements
- **Reports and Business**
 - **Undergraduate Program (Roe) –**
 - Stick to the grading policies outlined on your syllabus
 - Be wary of letting students into classes without their pre-reqs, consult with advising or Gerard if there is a question
 - If you suspect one of your students are facing academic difficulty, please let Advising know so they can reach out to offer support to students
 - **Graduate Program (Catling) –**
 - The College and Provost have added UW to something called the California Alliance/ Research Exchange (<https://www.california-alliance.org/>). This provides funding for underrepresentation of minority (URM) senior grad students *or* postdocs for short-term visits of typically around 1 week to other institutions in the exchange. The aim is research and career development, e.g., working with a potential future postdoc advisor. The next deadline to participate is Jan 6th. The other institutions are: Berkeley, Caltech, Stanford, UCLA, U. Michigan,

Harvard, U. Texas Austin, Georgia Tech Anyone interested should talk beforehand to the CoEnv contact person, Willa Kurland.

- **Standing Committees**

- **Admissions** (Buick) – Update from admissions
 - Noell sent an email about graduate recruitment for next year, we would like to know who is wanting or thinking about taking on a student. We would also like to know if you are not taking students
 - We are hoping to increase our student recruitment enrollment, so please think about taking on a student if possible
- **Computing** (Walters) –
 - Windows 7- Microsoft ending support for this, Ed Mulligan sent out an email with details
 - Computing can help you update any ESS computers that you may need help with, a request form will be going out to the department
- **Curriculum** (Nelson) –
 - Lack of adequate prep for field course, looking at a possible prep course
 - Looking at a geo-informatics option for our degrees, details to come
 - Geo-club field trip raising money for field trip to Hawaii, please support their fundraising efforts
- **Diversity** (Huntington) - Get notes from Kate
 - REPORT ON Scott Winn training survey
 - 52 responses (34 people who did attend, and 18 who did not attend).
 - Question: Do you think this training will have a positive impact on the department?
 - Answer: 50 yes or Maybe. Maybe particularly if there is follow up (with some suggestions for how to do that, many suggesting more ESS-specific activities)
 - 2 no (1 did not attend, 1 attended part of it)
 - Many for whom this was first training, excited to raise awareness and have language for things
 - Some who have done many trainings feel exhausted by them
 - Desire for practical tools and applications, adapt training to practical uses in ESS/our community
 - Committee will be following up next quarter, continue soliciting input from the department on what we want for our community
 - AGU MEETING:
 - Urge you to speak up, help make this an inclusive meeting. Like TSA, if you see something, say something ☺
- **MESSAGE** (Crider) –
 - Talking about re-envisioning the MESSAGE curriculum if you have an opinion please let Juliet Crider know
- **Oversight** (Bergantz/Conway) – Nothing to report
- **Prelim** (Gorman-Lewis/Winglee) – Nothing to report
- **Promotion, Merit & Reappointment** (Montgomery) – Nothing to report
- **Senate** (Stone) -
 - A new rule from the graduate school that there is no food allowed to be provided by students, the Senate endorsed the rule
 - The Senate is working on changing title of lecturing faculty and increase voting rights, they will become

- Assistant teaching professor
- Associate teaching professor
- Teaching professor
- **Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards** (Steig) – Nothing to report
- **College Council Representation** (Bergantz/Steig) –
 - Inviting colleagues to be an at large member of the college council.
 - The college council needs at large members, Associate and Full professors (associate will not be part of the promotion discussions)
 - Dave Montgomery volunteered
 - Please email Ken if you are interested
 - New council chair wants to focus on the strategic vision to come from the faculty for the new Dean search.
 - The budget challenges that the college is facing is a ~700,000 deficit.
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Adjourn to Executive Session – 3:09**

Minutes by: Michelle Barr

Attendees: Bergantz, Brown, Buick, Catling, Conway, Creager, Crider, Duvall, Fudge, Gorman-Lewis, Holzworth, Huntington, Licht, Montgomery, Nelson, Nittrouer, Roe, Schmidt, Steig, Stone, Tobin, Toner, Walters.

Staff, Students, and Guests: Barr, Bernard-Kingsley, Black, Chausse, Harrington, Gomberg, Meixnerova, and Waddington