

# ***Minutes of Departmental Committee Meeting***

*1:30 Tuesday, May 10, 2016, Room 9341*

(Professors Berry, Bertram, Blackwell, Brunold, Burke, Burstyn, Ediger, Fredrickson, Garand, Gellman, Goldsmith, Hermans, Jin, McMahon, Moore, Nathanson, Schmidt, Schomaker, Sibert, Skinner, Smith, Weisshaar, Yoon attending.)

Ariel Andrea, Rachel Bain, Cheri Barta, Desire Bates, Stephen Block, Arrietta Clauss, Pam Doolittle, Libby Dowdall, Pat Egan, Rie Fredrickson, Charlie Fry, Iliia Guzei, Heike Hofstetter, Steve Myers, Nathan Neff-Mallon, Jeff Nielsen, Matt Sanders, Rodney Schreiner, Bob Shanks, Sarah Specht, Cheri Stephens, Cecilia Stodd, Kris Turkow, Martha Vestling also attended.)

## ***Open Session***

**Minutes of the previous meeting (04/12/16) were approved on a voice vote.**

### **Announcements and Reports**

#### **Safety Update**

Jeff Nielsen gave the report. There have been some people recently seen on some of the upper floors who appear not to belong. Call UW PD if you see people who should not be in the research areas.

There will be several more meetings of the Chemical Hygiene Officers (CHOs) over the Summer.

#### **Awards**

Bob McMahon announced that the ceremony honoring Jim Zernicke and Stephen Block for their College of Letters & Science Awards will be this Thursday, May 12.

#### **Administrative Update**

Pat Egan announced that Fall TA orientation coincides with the ACS Philadelphia meeting in August. Please let Arrietta know of your availability to give a talk during orientation.

Path Chair voting is due Monday, May 16.

Graduation Ceremony will be Friday, May 13 at 3 PM.

Our new payroll person, Char Horsfall, starts Monday, May 23.

#### **Faculty Senate Report**

Judith Burstyn reported. There was a vote of "No Confidence" in the system leadership. There will be an extra meeting for business on Tuesday, May 17, at 3:30. Please pay attention to newspaper articles discussing the future of tenure.

There will be a vote on Tuesday concerning changes to the academic calendar, shortening the semester slightly. The intent is to allow a new 4-week Summer Session. It will also allow us to end a little sooner before the Christmas holiday.

**Graduation Celebration Will be Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Ballots for Program Chairs Due Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**GSFLC Poster Session Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Building Design Team Meetings Monday and Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

**Building Design Review Board Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Town Hall Forum Discussing the WISELI Climate Surveys Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Crystal Growing Contest Awards Ceremony Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Chemistry Building Project**

John Moore thanked those who have contributed to the building project. We are well short of 100% participation.

**Business**

**Action Plan for Climate Issues**

Judith Burstyn outlined our approach. We will convene a coordinating group consisting of the Chairs of the Grad Curriculum, Diversity, and GSFLC Committees. Academic Staff, University Staff and Postdocs will also be represented. This coordinating group will oversee the implementation of actions in response to the issues brought to light by the GSFLC Climate Survey. We will listen to the results of the WISELI Climate Survey and integrate those also. Thanks to Bob McMahon for stimulating and fostering this ongoing discussion.

**Delegation of Authority for Department Committee Business to the Finance Committee for Summer**

Bob McMahon asked for a motion delegating any Summer Department Committee business to the Finance Committee. **The motion from John Moore and Lloyd Smith was approved with no negatives.**

**Department Academic Program Review Has Been Accepted**

Bob McMahon received a letter from Grad School Dean Bill Karpus. The review was very positive, but we were asked to address climate, work on a strategy to increase diversity, and review and clarify our requirements for the graduate program.

With no additional business brought to the Department Committee, the meeting was adjourned after a motion from Judith Burstyn and John Moore.

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