

CotS Department Chair Meeting Notes
April 29, 2004
10:30 a.m, Science 301

Attending:

Barlow, Kathleen - Anthropology
Brown, James R. Jr. - Political Science
Ely, Lisa – Geological Sciences
Darda, David - Biology
Johnson, Kirk A. - Sociology
Lewis, Scott M. - Mathematics
Lillquist, Karl - Geography

Miller, M. Meghan, Dean
Palmquist, Bruce - Physics
Tolin, Philip - Associate Dean and Chair, Law and Justice
Schwing, James L. - Computer Science
Street, Warren - Psychology
Stowe, Lisa - Chemistry
Sun, Lixing – Associate Dean

Department Reports

Bruce Palmquist, Physics, received the Distinguished Professor Award for Service.

Lisa Weyandt, Psychology, received the Distinguished Professor Award for scholarly achievement

Alex Mandujano, Scientific Technician II in Biological Sciences, received the Employee of the Month award for April, 2004.

Jim Thomson, Engineering Technician III in Psychology, received the Employee of the Year award for the period April 2003, through December 2003. (The time period for Employee of the Year awards was converted to a calendar year in 2003.)

Cornell University Press has notified Dr. Lixing Sun, Biological Sciences, that his recent book, *The Beaver: Natural History of a Wetlands Engineer* (coauthored with Professor Muller-Schwarze), has been nominated for the Ludwik Fleck Prize. Awarded annually by the Society for Social Studies of Science, the Fleck Prize was created in 1992 to honor the best book in the area of science and technology studies. The prize is named after microbiologist Ludwik Fleck (1896-1961), whose publication *Genesis and Development of a Scientific Fact* influenced Thomas Kuhn's conception of the history of science.

Anne Johansen, Chemistry, received "The Faculty Mentor Award" during the seventh annual Evening of Recognition hosted by The Center for Excellence in Leadership. Jennifer Key, a chemistry graduate student, nominated Anne.

Linsey Shank, Chemistry and Biology senior, was awarded a \$1,000 departmental Scholarship.

Gayle H. Smith, Biochemistry senior, was awarded a \$1,000 Alumni Association Men & Women of the 50's Scholarship.

Wednesday, May 19, the McCracken Seminar will feature Professor Germano Resconi, whose topic will be *The Logic of Uncertainty*.

Alumni scholarships were awarded to anthropology students Michelle Lynch and Kimber Badertscher, computer science students Adam Haase and Irina Lyamin, and political science student Timothy McCabe.

Tim Melbourne, Geological Sciences, received a Fulbright award for late winter and spring quarters of 2005. He will be teaching transient (slow earth quake) detection to personnel at the Costa Rica Volcanological and Seismological Observatory at the National University. (OVSI-CORI-UNA).

Pat Lubinski, Anthropology, and Anthony Gabriel, Geography, organized the third Graduate Student and Faculty Scholarship Conference held May 6.

Tracy Andrews, Anthropology, visited the British Columbia natural science museum with anthropology students. The group will soon visit the Olympic Peninsula.

The Law and Justice advisory board will meet next week. Also, the Law and Justice Department will sponsor a softball game between students and local law enforcement personnel on June 20. The event will also feature a barbecue and formal recognition of outstanding students. Recognition events are scheduled for the following week at the Lynnwood, SeaTac, and Pierce County centers.

The search for a COTS development officer continues; four finalists have been identified and interviews will be conducted soon.

Bang Soon Yoon and Michael Launius are going to Pyongyang, North Korea this summer where Bang Soon will continue her research.

Interdepartmental Studies Task Force

The Task Force on Interdepartmental Studies has drafted an interdepartmental studies policy and submitted it to the Provost for review.

Professional Development Day (June 7)

The dean reminded the chairs that the spring quarter faculty development day (Monday, June 7), is to be sponsored by departments. Meghan asked the chairs to inform her of the activities they're planning.

Development Priorities – Private Funding

The list of development priorities for private funding will probably be sent to the chairs electronically after the end of the academic year.

June 4 Alternate Assignments due

Open Forum May 12

Moved forward with centers of excellence.

Searches

In the future, search committees may be asked to meet with the dean to discuss final priorities. Also, the dean wants to see ads before they're posted. (Forms 3, 4, and 5 shouldn't be submitted simultaneously.)

Full-time, Non-tenure-track Faculty Contracts

Discussion centered on equitable assignment of salaries for continuing non-tenure-track faculty relative to a faculty salary scale which hasn't been adjusted since 2001.

PERC Finding

Currently the issue with PERC is their intent to include in the eligible pool temporary faculty with responsibilities of 1/6th or more during the previous year. The union has two weeks in which to resubmit a definition of faculty that complies with this concept.

Human Subjects

There is a vacancy for the alternate on the Human /subjects Review Committee. May ask faculty to suggest names.

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